The Harmony of the FOUR EVANGELISTS IN A Metrical Paraphrase ON THE HISTORY OF OUR LORD and SAVIOUR Jesus Christ:

DEDICATED To His UNIVERSAL CHURCH.

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The Hiſtory of our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt.

CHAP. I. §. I.

TH' Allmighty, to diſplay his Glorious Name,
Within ſix daies both Heav'n & Earth did frame:
Whatever ſhone, grew, ſwam, flew, crept [or ran;]
And (in his holy image) laſtly Man.
For man the reſt he made; but did intend,
Mans Maker ſhould be made Mans chiefeſt end.
With Him did Man converſe (true Angels food;
Had Man this happineſs but underſtood!)
But being tempted unto curſt ambition,
He was deprived of that bleſt condition.
All Mankind in his publick perſon fell,
And ſo were heirs of ſin, of death and hell.
Hopes (yet) of life did Mercy ſoon reſtore,
By this free Promiſe of a Saviour,
The Womans ſeed ſhall bruiſe the Serpents head:
Where his Humanity may firſt be read.
To Abraham his Nation was expreſt,
In thee (ſaid He) ſhall all the Earth be bleſt.
By *Jacob* then *Jehova* did deſcribe
Shiloh (his Son) ſent out of *Judahs* Tribe.
King *David* knew the Houſe. *Iſaiah* ſaid,
The Perſon bearing Him ſhall be a Maid.
Micah the Place; *Dan'el* the Time; and ſo,
Malachi His Fore-runner did foreknow.

Geneſis
1. 1.
3, 7, 11, 14, 20, 24, 26.

1 *Cor.* 10 31. *Pſ.* 73. 25, 26
Gen. 2. 16, &c.
Eccleſ. 7. 29.
Gen. 3 4 5, 6, 24.

Rom. 5. 12, 13, 14. 15. 16

Gen. 3. 15.
Gall. 4 4.
Gen. 12. 3. & 21. 12. & 22. 18.
49 10.
Joh. 9. 7.
Pſ. 89. 4. *I.* 11. 1. & 7. 1.
Mic. 5 2.
Da. 9 24.
Mal. 4 5.

1 1 2. His, whose Original is so sublime;
Existing e're there was a point of time:
2 The second Person in the Trinity,
And styl'd the Word of God so frequently.
3 The same almighty word, that gave the birth
To ev'ry thing in Heaven and in Earth.
4 The life and light of men; that alwaies shone,
In Types and Prophesies, to ev'ry one.
5 So stupid yet were most, they could not see;
6 Till *John* was sent to tell them, This is He.
7 Yet, when they might so easily have known him,
8 The world, which he had made, did still disown him.
9 Coming to's own, his own did not receive him;
10 Preaching to's own, his own did not believe him.
11 But they that did receive him, they became
12 The Sons of God, through faith upon his Name,
13 Which faith and sonship do not flow from Nature,
But from the grace of our Regeneratour.
14 This Word made flesh shewd us his glor'ous face,
As th' only son of God, most full of Grace.
3. And when this sun of Righteousnes drew near,
1 5 Just then did *John* (his morning star) appear.
For when the Scepter was from *Judah* gone,
6 To *Herod* (cal'd the great) of *Askalon*;
That Angel seen of *Dan'el*, was dismist
7 (Again) to *Zachary* an holy Priest.
'Twas then (as God dispos'd the lot) his turn,
8 That week to make the Temple incense burn.
9 The Angel by the Altar did appear,
10 On its right side; and fil'd the man with fear.
11 Fear not (said He, perceiving him afraid)
12 Thou hast no reason to be so dismai'd:
13 Thy pray'r is heard; and when thy course is done,
Thy wife shall then conceive, and bear a Son.
14 His name is *John*: at his miraculous birth
Shalt thou (and many more) be fil'd with mirth.
15 Great shall he be in great *Jehovahs* sight,
Abstem'ous also (like a *Nazarite*.)
And from the very womb shall he inherit
The gifts and graces of the holy Spirit.
16 And (in the pow'r and spirit of *Elias*)
17 He shall turn many from their sinful bias,
Preparing *Israel* for their Messias.
18 But how shall I know this? quoth *Zacharias*.

We 're

Mal. 4. 2. Dan. 9. 25, &c. 2 Kings 11. 7 Num. 6. 3. Jud. 13. 7. Mal. 4. 6.

We're a decrepid pair: beſide, my wife
No child did ever bear in all her life.
I'm *Gabriel* (quoth the Angel) and am ſent, 1 19
To bring theſe tidings through the firmament.
And for a ſign take this, Thou ſhalt be dumb, 20
Until the time prefixt is fully come.
So *Gabriel* return'd to heav'n again:
And dumb did he accordingly remain.
The people which had been at pray'r without, 21
[Expecting now his bleſſing,] were in doubt,
Wherefore he ſtaid ſo long: at laſt his hand 22
Signifi'd to them how the caſe did ſtand.
So (when his week was finiſht) home he went. 23
His wife conceiv'd: but (till 'twas evident)
She kept her very private; and did bleſs 24
That God which had remov'd her barrenneſs. 25
4. In her ſixth month was *Gabriel* caus'd to flee 26
To *Nazareth* (a Town in *Galilee*)
To viſit *Mary*, that was then a ſpouſe 27
Betroth'd to *Joſeph* (both of *Davids* houſe:)
Whom he ſalutes in theſe (or ſuch like) words, 28
All hail thou ſignal favorite of the Lords!
Bleſſed art thou, thrice bleſſed in my mind,
Bleſſed art thou above all women kind.
Fear not (ſaid he, ſeeing paleneſs in her face) 29
With God thou haſt obtain'd abundant grace. 30
Thou ſhalt conceive and bear; and when 'tis done, 31
Impoſe the name of *Jeſus* on thy Son.
Great Son of God moſt high! to him alone
The Lord ſhall give his Father *Davids* throne; 32
His *Iſrael* to govern and defend: 33
And of his Kingdom there ſhall be no end.
But how ſhall theſe things be (then *Mary* ſaid) 34
For hitherto (thou knowſt) I am a maid?
All things are poſſible with God (ſaid he) 35
The Holy Ghoſt ſhall overſhadow thee.
And hence it is, I call'd that Holy thing
The Son of God, the everlaſting King. 36
Thy Cozen *Elizabeth* (too) hath conceiv'd
In her old age [if I may be believ'd:]
She's clear of ſhame; this very month's the ſixt, 37
With her whoſe name had Barren once prefixt.
See then (ſaid ſhe) the hand-maid of the Lord: 38
Be it to me according to thy word.

Numb. 6. 23 | *Iſ.* 4. 1. | 1 *Sam.* 1. 6, 11.

5. Some

1 Sam. 2. 1 —— 10.

1 39 5. Some few daies after, *Mary* went to see
Her Cozen *El'zabeth* and *Zachary*.
40 So soon (then) as her Cozen heard her voice,
She (and the babe within her) did rejoyce.
41 Among all women blest be thou (said she)
42 Blest be thy Off-spring to eternity.
43 The Mother of my Lord give me a visit!
How great, how sweet a condescention is it?
44 For lo, so soon as ever thou wert come,
For joy the infant sprang within my womb.
45 Blessed is she that did believe the Lord;
She shall have due performance of his word.
45 Then the same spirit *Mary* did possess,
Who thus declar'd her joy and thankfulness.
47 I magnifie the Lord in heart and voyce:
My spirit in my Sav'our doth rejoice.
48 To me so low, his love is so expresst,
That (far and nigh) they 'll say that I am blest.
49 The mighty one hath magnifyed me;
And holy is his name eternally.
50 His mercy is on them that fear him still,
But scattereth the proud against their will.
51 He hath debas'd the mighty men (we see)
52 And hath exalted them of low degree.
53 Poor hungry souls he richly fills with store,
The rich he sends away both pale and poor.
54 Now hath he holpen *Jacob* from above,
Now hath he cal'd to mind his ant'ent love
55 According to his promise heretofore
To *Abram* and his seed for evermore.
56 6. So (three months after that) went *Mary* home:
57 And when her Cozens time was fully come,
58 She bare a son. Her neighbours and her kin
Came to congratulate her lying in.
59 They circumciz'd him (when the eighth day came)
And would have given him his Fathers name.
60 But *El'sabeth* refus'd to have it done,
And told them that he must be called *John*.
61 Why so? (they all reply'd) we do not know
One person of thy kindred called so.
62 So they made signs to's Father *Zachary*,
To know what he would have his name to be.
63 And beckning for a book to write upon,
64 He wrote the Angels words, His name is *John*.

Then

Then was his tongue unti'd: then in the Spirit
Thus he prais'd Him that praises doth inherit.
All praise to him that over all doth dwell,
That hath redeem'd his people *Israel*;
And of his servant *Davids* house hath rais'd
Salvation for our souls: his Name be prais'd.
His Name be prais'd, that spake by ev'ry Prophet,
(And lets us see the due fulfilling of it)
That we should be deliver'd from the will
And power of all those that wish us ill.
Now to perform that solemn oath he swore
Unto our Father *Abraham* before:
That being free'd from all our foes, we might
Walk uprightly for ever in his sight,
Thou art the Prophet of that King most high;
Thou (Child) shalt go before his Majesty;
His way before his face shalt thou prepare;
Salvation to his Saints shalt thou declare:
Thou shalt declare their trespasses forgiven,
Through tender mercy from the God of Heaven;
Whereby on those that fear his name he brings
That rising Sun with healing in his wings.
Their souls from deaths black shadow to release,
And guide our footsteps in the way of peace.
This wonder quickly spread in ev'ry part;
Fear and amazement seizing every heart.
And *John* did thrive, and in the desart dwell,
Until his shewing unto *Israel*.
7. The Virgin *Mary* now with child appears;
And thereupon good *Joseph*'s fild with fears.
Yet (loth t' expose her unto publick scoff)
Intended privately to put her off.
But while he studi'd how to bring't about,
An Angel came and thus resolv'd his doubt:
Fear nothing *Joseph*; Mary take to wife;
For she hath led an undefiled life.
These harder thoughts the Maiden doth not merit:
What she goes with, is of the Holy Spirit.
A Son it is, whom Jesus thou shalt call:
For from their sins he'l save his people all.
(This doth more notably fulfill that word
Spoke by the Gospel-prophet of the Lord;
God and a Virgins son with us shall dwell,
And they shall call his name Emmanuel.)

Gen. 22. 16.

Is. 7. 14.

Joseph obey'd: but still she was a Maid,
24 Till of her first-born she was safely laid.
25 8. But just before her sacred load did ease her,
2 1 A law was published by *Augustus Cæsar*,
That all the Roman world should be enrol'd:
2 (*Cyrenius* then did *Syr'as* rudder hold.)
3 All Towns enrol those that belong to them:
4 And this made *Joseph* go to *Bethlehem*
(The place of *Davids* birth and private life;)
5 There to be tax'd with his espoused wife.
6 9. And now the glorious day begins to dawn;
Now is the curtain of thick darkness drawn.
Now doth the Lord of all things condescend
To take up in a stable, and be pen'd
7 Within a dirty manger: now thou 'rt blest
(Ignorant Inn) with this illustr'ous Guest,
8 And now the souls great Pastour is reveald
From heav'n to shepherds watching in the field.
9 The glory of an Angel did surround them:
The glory was so great, it did confound them.
10 Fear not (said he, perceiving them afraid)
Fear not at all, be not at all dismai'd.
11 'Tis joyful tidings that I come to bring:
This day is born your Sav'our and your King.
12 In *Bethlehem* you'l find it, as I said,
The Babe's wrapt up and in a manger laid.
13 And hardly had the Angel made an end,
But there whole Quires of Angels did attend;
That King with hallelujahs to adore,
That sitteth on the throne for evermore.
14 Glory to God on high, peace on the Earth,
Good will to men; they sing with holy mirth.
15 Then ran the shepherds to the Town, and saw
16 *Mary* and *Joseph* and the Babe in straw.
17 They fil'd the Town with fame; and their relation
18 Fil'd all that heard the same, with admiration.
19 But *Mary* ponder'd all things in her heart:
20 And they, with joy and praise to God, depart.
10. Now we behold the Son of Man; and gather
His nat'ral linage thus to *Marys* Father:
3 38 First *Adam*, *Seth*, and *Enos*, after whom
Cainan, *Maleleel*, and *Jared* come.
37 *Enoch* the just, *Methuselah* the aged,
Lamech, and *Noah* (when the waters raged.)

I Sam. 16. 1.

Then

	Mat.	Mar.	Luk.	Joh.
Then *Shem*, and *Arphaxad*, with *Sala* next			3 36	
(For *Cainan* is not in the Hebrew text.)		*Gen.* 11. 12.		
Heber, and *Peleg*, Father to *Ragau*:		*1 Chron.* 1. 24.	35	
With *Serug*, *Nabor*, *Terah*. Whence we draw				
Abraham, *Isaac*, *Jacob*, unto whom	1 1		34	
Judah was born; then *Pharez* and *Esrom*.	2			
Aram, *Aminadab*, and *Naasson*,			33	
Father to *Salmah* (*alias Salmon*.)	3			
Then *Boaz*, *Obed*, *Jesse*, *David* (Heaven	4		32	
Ordained King this youngest son of seven.)	5			
Nathan, and *Mattatha*, *Menan*: to him	6		31	
Succeed *Melea*, and *Eliakim*.				
Then *Jonan*, *Joseph*, *Jude*, whose consort bore him			30	
His *Simeon*: then *Levi*, *Matthat*, *Jorim*.				
He preceeds *Eliezar*, *Jose*, *Er*; he			29	
Elmodam, *Cosam*, *Addi*, *Melchi*, *Neri*:			28	
He *Salathiel*; he *Pedaiahs* son			27	
Zorobabel; he *Rhesa*, and he *John*.				
The next are *Judah*, *Joseph*, *Semei*,			26	
Mattatha, *Maath*, *Nagge*, and *Esli*:				
So *Nahum*, *Amos*, *Mattathias*, *Joseph*,			25	
John, *Melchi*, *Levi*, *Matthat*, *Heli*, *Joseph*,			24	
Joseph ('tis said,) for custom here forbad 'em			23	
To name the Mother of this second *Adam*.				
This King, by whom lost *Israel* is saved:	7			
Whose royal race we thus may trace from *David*.		*1 Chron.* 3. 10.—19.		
Solomon, *Rehoboam*, and *Abia*.	8			
Asa, *Jehos'phat*, *Joram*, [*Abaziah*,				
Jehoash, *Amaziah*,] *Azariah*,				
Joatham, *Ahaz*, pious *Hezekiah*,	9			
Manasses, *Amon*, young and good *Josiah*,	10			
Jehojakim, *and* captive *Jechoniah*,	11			
Then *Salathiel*: and his Brothers son	12			
Zerubbabel (when second house begun.)	13			
His heir's *Abiud*: then *Eliakim*,				
Then *Azor*, *Sadoc*, *Achim* after him	14			
Elud, *Eleazar*; and *Matthan*,	15			
Jacob, and *Joseph*, and the Son of Man,	16			
Whom at the time prefixt they circumcis'd,			2 21	
Naming him *Jesus*, as they were advis'd.		*Levit.* 12. 3.—8.		
11. Some five weeks after that, his parents went			22	
Up to the City, that they might present				
This first-born Son of theirs before the Lord			23	
[And ransom him] according to his Word.				

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Exod. 13. 2, 15.

The Mother [having little worldly pelf]
Offer'd a pair of pig'ons for her ſelf.
[Had ſhe been able, it had been a Lamb :
And therefore 'twas before the *Magi* cam'.]
Now while they were at Church, there came to
2 25 Old upright *Sim'on* of *Jeruſalem*.
(Who by the ſpirit had been certifi'd
26 Of ſeeing Gods Anointed, e're he dy'd.)
Fil'd with the Holy Ghoſt he came in haſt,
27 And in his armes that Holy Child embrac'd.
28 Now let thy ſervant Lord (ſaid he) deceaſe
29 (According to thy holy word) in peace.
For I have ſeen the thing I waited for,
30 Now I have ſeen the worlds great Saviour :
31 A light to Gentiles that in darkneſs dwell,
32 The glory of thy people *Iſrael*.
33 This Child is ſet (ſaid he to Jeſus's Mother)
34 For ſome mens fall, and for the riſe of other :
And for a contradicted ſign ; to ſhow,
35 Whoſe hearts are faithful, and whoſe are not ſo.
Yea, and a ſword ſhall penetrate thy ſide
[When thou behold'ſt thy Deareſt crucifi'd.]
36 Alſo one *Anne* (a widow-propheteſs)
37 Whoſe years were eighty four (or little leſs)
Who daily to the Temple did repair
And ſerved God with abſtinence and pray'r,
38 She thither (at that very inſtant) came,
To render praiſe and glory to his Name ;
Affirming Jeſus to be Chriſt, to them
39 That waited for him in *Jeruſalem*.
And having done whate're the Law requir'd,
To *Bethlehem* [directly] they retir'd :
[And there continu'd, till an Angel warn'd them
To flee to *Egypt* (as indeed concern'd them.]
2 1 12. Mean while, arrived from the Eaſtern parts
Aſtronomers well read in Perſian arts,
2 Enquiring at *Jeruſalem* for one
Born among them to ſit upon the throne.
Seeing (ſaid they) the Star of your great King,
We came to worſhip [with an offering.]
3 Then *Herod* (with the chiefeſt of the Jews)
Was ſtartl'd at this ſtrange and ſuddain news.
4 And having askt the Hebrew Doctors, where
Meſſiah ſhould be born ; 'twas made appear,

Bethlehem

Bethlehem was the place: from *Bethl hem*
Micah sends forth this Ruler over them.
Then *Herod*, after private conference
About the Stars appearing, sent 'em thence:
Desiring them to search and find him out,
Then to return, and tell him whereabout.
For I (said this equivocating elfe)
Intend to reverence the King my self.
So out they went, and (e're they had gone far)
To their content, they saw the former star.
By which they were conducted all the way,
Till they arrived just where Jesus lay.
Then unto this great Prophet, Priest and King,
Myrh, Frankincense, and Gold's their offering.
And warn'd of God to slight the Tyrant, they
Returned home again another way.
13. He seeing he was mock'd in desp'rate fury
Resolv'd the death of ev'ry child in *Jury*.
But the all-piercing eye this secret views,
And unto *Joseph* quickly sends the news.
Up (said the Angel) take the Child and's Mother;
This place will prove too hot, go seek another.
Herod hath horrid thoughts, his blood is stir'd:
Go dwell in *Egypt*, till I bring you word.
Joseph obey'd, and there he staid, till thence
God cal'd his Son, [as he had done long since.]
From *Bethlehem* they were no sooner gone,
But there was heard great lamentation.
Herod had sent (in this his angry mood)
His Executioners, to spill the blood
Of two years age and under; as he heard
The Wise-men say, what time the star appear'd.
Rachel might well lament, as was of old
I'th' prophecy of *Jeremy* foretold.
14. But *Herod* shortly dies; and *Joseph* then
Was called by the Angel back agen.
Yet hearing *Archelaus* did command,
Fear of *Judea* kept him at a stand:
Till warn'd again, to *Nazareth* he came;
Whence *Nazarene* was added to the Name.
There the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit;
Wisdom and Grace he fully did inherit.
15. His Parents at the City did appear,
To keep the Paschal customs ev'ry year.

Mat.	Mar.	Luk.	Joh.
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		Zech. 6. 12.	40
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Luk. 2
42 They therefore going as they us'd to do,
Jesus (at twelve year old) went thither too.
43 But He (when they returned) had a mind
(Without acquainting them) to stay behind.
44 They (in the first daies journy) thought they might
Be sure to have him with their friends at night.
45 But having search'd, and found him not with them,
They went (the morrow) to *Jerusalem*:
46 And (next day after) in the Temple found him.
Disputing there with all the Doctors round him.
47 And all that heard him, were astony'd greatly;
No youth (said they) spake ever so discreetly.
48 His Parents were amaz'd, to find him there;
And told him how solicitous they were:
Why, Son (said Mary) hast thou serv'd us thus?
Our missing thee hath sore perplexed us.
49 Why so? (said he:) is this unknown to you,
How that my Fathers bus'ness I must do?
50 They understood him not; but in her heart
Mary kept ev'ry jot: So they depart.
51 To *Nazareth* along with them he went,
To them he shew'd himself obedient.
52 His lovely and his innocent behav'our
Procur'd him both Divine and humane favour.

CHAP.

CHAP. 2. §. 1.

NOw in *Tiberius* his fifteenth year
When *Pontius Pilate* did *Judea* steer,
The rest of *Can'an* having *Antipas*,
His Brother *Philip* and *Lysanias*;
And when the Church affairs depended on
Caiphas and *Annas*, then appeared *John*
Sent from the Lord; Which *Esay* thus foretells,
The voice of one that in the desart dwells,
Behold your Sav'our all! the valleys fill,
Make plain the waies, and level ev'ry hill.
John wore a leathern girdle (to denote
Elias's habit) on his hairy coat.
His meat was Locusts, and such other cheer,
As *Jonathan* was like to buy full dear.
Repent (said he) and wash away your sins,
[Believe in Christ, whose Kingdom now begins.]
2. Some came from all those parts about (according
To *Johns* command) and were baptiz'd in *Jordan*.
Then askt he some that went for saints, By whom
Have you been warn'd to flee the wrath to come?
Viperous race, repent; and bear such fruit,
As may henceforth with true repentance suit.
'Tis nothing worth, to say, we're *Abrams* Sons;
For God can raise him Children up of stones.
And now the ax is laid against the root
Of ev'ry tree that beareth not good fruit.
And when they askt him, what they ought to do,
To shun the wrath to come? he answer'd so;
All you, to whom the Lord hath given store,
Lend to the Lord, by giving to the poor.
Ye Publicans, forbear to pill and poll;
Exact no more than your appointed toll.
Rest ye contented (Sould'ers) with your pay:
Wrong none in word or deed or any way.
With many other things that did relate
To ev'ry mans particular estate.
So that they mused much, and did not know
Whether he were himself the Christ or no.

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Is. 40. 3. 2 King. 1. 8. Lev. 11. 22. 1 Sam. 14. 43.

Mat.	*Mar.*	*Luk.*	*Joh.*	
3 11	1 7			Thus he resolv'd them, I baptize with water But your Messias is a coming after; Far before me in all respects, his shoes I do n't deserve the honour to unloose.
	8			I am a Baptist; He's a great deal higher: He shall baptize you with a Ghostly fire.
12		3 17		His fan is in his hand, he'll purge his floor, Consume the chaff, and keep the wheat in store.
13	9	21		3. Nor was it long e're Jesus (though above him, Yet) thither came to be baptized of him.
14				How's this (said *John*) that thou art come to me? I have more need to be baptiz'd of Thee.
15				Jesus reply'd, let me have now my will; That so all right'ousness we may fulfill.
16	10			*John* therefore yielded to his Lords request; And Jesus unto pray'r himself addrest. Upon him then descended (from above) The Holy Ghost in fashion of a Dove.
17	11			This voice proceeding from the Lord most high, Thou art the Son of my Complacency.
			15	Then John bare witness, saying, this is He, That was before and cometh after me.
			16	From whom (as from a fountain) doth proceed All sort of Grace, whereof we stand in need.
			17	For though the Law was first by *Moses* given, Yet grace & truth came down with him from heaven.
			18	No man hath seen the Father but the Son, He hath revealed him; and both are One.
		23		Now look what years were wont to be computed, Before the Priests their office executed; Look when the Lord set *David* on a throne; And at what age the Patriarch was grown So much in favour in King *Pharoahs* sight; So old was now *Jehovahs* Favourite.
				4. And as he shun'd the scandal thus of Novice; So (tow'rd the further fitting him for's Office)
4 1	12	4 1		Into the wilderness the spirit drove him, By fasting and temptation there to prove him.
2	13	2		And having fasted fourty nights and daies; The Tempter then assaulteth him, and saies,
3		3		Thou art an hungry now; Gods only Son Can make him bread of this or any stone.
4		4		Jesus laid hold upon the spirits sword, And thus reply'd, 'tis written in the Word,

Num. 4. 2. 2 *Sam.* 5. 4. *Gen.* 41. 46.

Deut. 8. 3.

	Mat.	Mar.	Luk.	Joh.
No man doth live by bread alone, but by				
His Word that ev'ry thing doth ſanctify.				
Then Satan to the Temple-battlements.	4 5		4 9	*Pſ.* 91 11.
Convey'd him, ſaying, Caſt thy ſelf from hence;	6		10	
If thou art His, for it is writ that He				
Shall give his Angels charge concerning thee:			11	
To bear thee up in their offic'ous armes,				
And keep thee ſafe from accidental harms.				
Jeſus rejoyns, thou ſhalt not tempt the Lord	7	*Deut.* 6 16.	12	
[Neglecting means;] This alſo is his Word.				
Then (as his laſt eſſay) the Tempter tries,			5	
If worldly glory would infect his eyes.	8			
Which from a lofty mountain firſt he ſhows;				
Then tells him thus, I'll certainly diſpoſe	9		6	
Of all to thee; do thou but bow the knee			7	
(Now we're together here) and worſhip me.				
Thou wicked one (ſaid Chriſt) be gone, for Thou	10	*Ex.* 20. 3.	8	
('Tis writ) to none but God alone ſhalt bow.		*Deut.* 6. 13.		
Then Satan (ſeeing nought would fright or woe him)	11			
Left him, and Angels miniſtred unto him.				
5. While Jeſus was among the ſavage beaſts,				
John was baptizing ſtill; to whom came Prieſts				1 19
Sent from the Council at *Jeruſalem*,				
To know on what account he came to them:				20
Whether in quality of their Meſſias,				
Or whether as his harbinger *Elias*:				21
Or, if as neither, then they would know why				22
He there baptiz'd with ſuch authority.				
I am (ſaid *John*) the voice of one (the Prophet		*Iſ.* 40. 3.		23
As you well know, did long ago ſpeak of it)				24
The voyce of one i'th' wilderneſs, whoſe word				25
Commands you clear the paſſage for the Lord.				
I do indeed baptize, to make you fit				26
For one amongſt you, whom ye know not yet:				
He'll ſoon appear, but greater far than I;				27
His ſhoes I am not worthy to unty				
This in *Bethabara* was done. [But by				28
The *Syriack* and *Nonnus Bethany*.]				
6. The next day *John* ſaw Jeſus coming near,				29
And bore this record [which himſelf might hear]				
Behold that Holy Lamb of God (ſaid he)				
Who for our ſins muſt ſacrificed be.				
This ſame is He, of whom I ſaid before,				30
I am a Baptiſt, He's a great deal more.				

For I am but of yesterday, but He
As far before me as Eternity.
1 31 I knew him not [by sight:] yet knew I well,
That he would soon appear to *Israel*.
32 The coming down o'th' Holy Ghost unto him:
Was given as a sign, whereby to know him:
33 Given by Him that sent me to this place,
Thus to prepare his way before his face.
34 I take my record from that Gall-less Dove,
That He's the Son of Gods eternal Love.
35 7. The next day *John* (with two Disciples more)
Was standing, as he was the day before:
36 And seeing Jesus as he passed by,
Bad them behold the Lamb of God most high.
37 They follow'd Him; and being at his back,
He turn'd about and said, what is't ye lack?
38 Master (said they) where may thy dwelling be?
39 Jesus invited them to come and see.
They went; and spent the rest of that day there:
'Twas more than four a clock[the night drew near.]
40 One of those two was *Andrew*, *Simons* Brother:
(And very probably, St. *John* the other.)
41 He meeting *Simon*, straightway up and told him,
We've found the true Messiah; come, behold him.
42 So both together unto Christ they came;
Who knew, and told, and added to his name.
Thou *Simon* art (said he) the Son of *John*,
Peter a Rock [for me to build upon.]
43 8. Christ (the next day) to *Galilee* went down,
44 And called *Philip* of *Bethsaida* Town.
45 Then *Philip* meets his friend *Nathanael*:
And gives him an account of what befell.
46 Can good come out of *Nazareth*? said he.
To be resolv'd (said *Philip*) come and see.
47 When Jesus saw *Nathanael* coming tow'rd him,
This great Encomium he did afford him;
Behold an *Isra'lite* indeed (said He)
Made up of *Jacobs* plain integrity!
48 What! known (said he) and never seen before!
I can (said Jesus) tell a great deal more:
I saw thee underneath the shady tree,
Before that ever *Philip* called thee.
49 Rabbi (said he) I see thou art indeed
The King of *Israel*, the Holy Seed.

Gen. 25. 27.

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Doſt thou believe (ſaid He) with ſo ſuch eaſe?
Thou ſhalt behold far greater things than theſe.
Heaven it ſelf ſhall open unto me:
Angels themſelves ſhall my attendants be.
9. At *Cana* (now) there was a wedding feaſt,
At which the Lord vouchſaf'd to be a gueſt.
For both Himſelf and his Diſciples were
Invited (with his Mother) to be there.
And when ſhe told him of their want of wine,
He ſhew'd (at firſt) diſlike to her deſign.
She muſt not think to rule him as a novice,
In what concern'd his Deity and Office.
But gathering hope, ſhe bade the ſervants do,
Whatever Jeſus ſhould direct them to.
And [when he knew that all their wine was gone,]
He bad them fill ſix water-pots of Stone.
Two or three firkins ev'ry veſſel held,
And to the brim with water they were fil'd.
Now draw (ſaid he) [not making any waſte,]
And give the Governour a cup to taſte.
He (having taſted) for the Bridegroom ſends,
And thus in brief his gen'rous wine commends;
Moſt men at firſt keep up the worſt, but thou
(Not like the reſt) haſt kept the beſt till now.
By this firſt miracle the Lord began
To manifeſt his being more than man:
And thus confirming his Diſciples hearts,
To *Capernaum* (for a time) departs.

CHAP. 3. §. 1.

2 13 AND now the Paschal Festival ensues;
Which He observ'd, as well as other Jews:
And coming up to Town (with that intent)
14 Directly to the sacred Temple went.
Where finding those sold oxen, sheep and doves,
15 He made a whip, and sent them out in droves.
16 This house is cal'd (said he) an house of pray'r;
And will ye turn it to a thievish fair?
17 (Thus is it writ in *Davids* Prophecy,
Zeal for thine house hath ev'n devoured me.)
18 The Jews reply'd, But what's the sign thou show'st?
Produce authority for what thou dost.
And though the thing it self was sign enough,
Yet he allow'd the men this other proof;
19 Destroy this Temple, and I will it raise,
As firm as ever 'twas, within three daies.
20 So soon (said they) wilt thou this Temple rear,
Which hath been building six and fourty year?
21 This they thought strange, not knowing his intent;
For He the Temple of His Body meant.
22 Which to his followers appeared plain,
When He was raised from the ground again.
23 Many men now consid'ring how he wrought,
Denyed not the truth of what he taught.
24 He did not (yet) himself commit unto them,
25 Because that He did throughly see and know them.
2. And others who believ'd, (for shame or fear)
Were loth to let it openly appear.
3 1 Thus *Nicodemus* came to Christ by night,
And was instructed in the Gospel-light.
(This *Nicodemus* was a Pharisee
Among the Jews of great authority.
2 Rabbi (said he) these miracles of thine
Plainly declare, thy Person is divine.
Heaven confirms thy Doctrine to be true;
Doubtless the way to heaven thou dost shew.
3 No man (said Christ) can enter heaven gate,
Until he first become regenerate.

Regenerate?

Deut. 14. 24. 25. Jer. 7. 11. Psal. 69. 9. Is. 56. 7.

	Mat.	Mar.	Luk.	Joh.
Regenerate? (said he) what, born again?				3 4
Be pleas'd that difficulty to explain.				
No man (said He) that Kingdom can inherit,				5
Till born anew of Water and the Spirit.				
That Kingdom cannot flesh and blood contain,				6
Until Spirit'liz'd and born again.				
And let not this impossible be thought,				7
Because you see not how the change is wrought.				
For as the winds intriques thou never knowst,				8
So nor the breathings of the holy Ghost.				
But how can this (said *Nicodemus*) be?				9
This doctrine seems exceeding strange to me.				
Art thou (said Christ) a Doctor of the Land,				10
And dost not thou these matters understand?				
All that I speak, I know it to be true;				11
None other can reveal the same to you.				
If what I teach in such an Earthly way,				12
Ye cannot reach; what further shall I say?				
To teach the way to heaven, thence I cam'				13
Although [as God] in heaven still I am:				
Where mortal man did never go, nor can;				
And therefore I became the Son of Man.				
And being lifted up, I am to die				14
(As *Moses*'s serpent once did typifie)	*Num.* 21. 9.			
That mortals stung with sin may look to me;				15
Look and be cur'd, and live eternally				
For God so loved mankind, that he gave them				16
His only Son, by faith in him to save them.				
To save them from the Legal curse, which they				17
Lie under still, that still do disobey.				18
Herein their condemnation chiefly lies;				19
Though Light be come; yet still they shut their eyes.				
And therefore darkness is so much belov'd,				20
Lest in the light their act'ons be reprov'd.				
But he that's consc'ous of no evil done,				21
Fears not the sight of an impart'al Sun.				
3. Jesus went after that to *Fary-land*,				22
Baptizing there (with his disciples hand.)	*Num.* 11. 25, 28, 29.			
And *John* baptiz'd in *Aenon* (which was near				23
To *Salim*-Town) much water being there.				24
John hereupon began to be despis'd;				25
Because that Christ with more success baptiz'd;				
And greater Majesty. The wrangling Jews				26
Sent *Johns* Disciples to him with the news;				

3 27 *John* tells them, ev'ry man must be content
With whatsoever God Almighty sent.
28 That I was Christ, ye never heard me say;
But sent before him to prepare his way.
29 He riseth, whil'st I fall: and I rejoyce,
30 Because I hear the Bridegrooms pleasant voyce.
31 He's from above: they that receive him, shew
31 Their approbat'on that the Lord is true.
33 For without stint the holy Ghost is given
34 Unto this Sov'raign favorite of Heaven.
35 No less than life or death eternal must
36 Depend on mens believing or distrust.

14 3 6 17 3 18 4. Thus *John* fulfil'd his Ministry, and car'd
For no man, and the vice of no man spar'd:
18 Spar'd not the Tetrarch *Antipas* himself;
Who often had (like counterfeiting Elfe)
Not only heard, but put in practice too
Most of the things, the Baptist bad him do.
4 19 19 So neer (at last) he touch'd both him and's wife
Herodias, for their incest'ous life;
(Saying his Brothers wife should not be his'n)
5 20 20 That for her sake he cast him into pris'n.
And in his blood his hands he had imbrew'd
Just then, but that he fear'd the multitude.

4 12 1 14 4 1 5. When Jesus heard this unexpected news,
2 And what offence was taken by the Jews;
3 He went from *Jury* into *Galilee:*
(Which from the Jewish power was more free.)
4 And passing through *Samaria*, he came
5 Near to a Town that *Sychar* had for name.
6 And (being weary) sate upon the Well
Formerly dug by wrestling *Israel.*
7 Whil'st his Disciples to the Town were gone,
8 To buy for him and them provision;
A woman thither came for water, whom
The Lord requested for to give him some.
9 Thou art a Jew (said she) and do you think
That we *Samaritans* must find you drink?
(For since the Kingdom hath been rent in twain,
No Jew hath dealing with *Samaritain.*)
10 Jesus reply'd, Didst thou but know, my daughter,
Who 'tis that begs a draught of thy cold water;
Spring-water thou 'ldst have asked at his hand,
Who freely would have answer'd thy demand.

Gen. 33. 18.

The

The well is deep (said she) and thou hast not 4 11
Wherewith to draw, nor any water-pot.
Art thou above our Father *Israel*, 12
Who drank himself, and then gave us the well?
This will (said he) but ease your present pain: 13
He that drinks mine shall never thirst again.
That water I bestow, still proves to be 14
A well of life that springs eternally.
Pray give me Sir, (said she) of that same water; 15
That I may never thirst, nor draw herea'ter.
He bad her go, and first her husband call. 16
Her answer was, that she had none at all.
That's true (said he) for none thou hast alive, 17
But in thy time hast had no less than five:
And that same man with whom thou livest now, 18
Is not thy husband; that thou may'st avow.
Sir (she reply'd) I see thou art a Prophet: 19
Our Fathers held (what's thy opin'on of it?)
They held this *Garizim* was th' only hill, 20
For serving God according to his will.
His will is this (said he) not only here, 21
Nor at *Jerusalem*, but ev'ry where,
Men should contin'ally put up requests 23
With holy hands from undefiled breasts.
God is himself a spirit, and will be 24
Worship'd in Spirit and sincerity.
You (without warrant) serve ye know not what: 22
Salvation is of Us, be sure of that.
I know (said she) when Christ is come, he shall 25
In ev'ry needful truth instruct us all.
I am (said He) the true Messias [whom 26
So long ye have expected for to come.]
Leaving her pitcher then, away she ran, 28
And told the Towns-folks she had found a Man,
Could tell her all she did: I think (said she) 29
No man can be Messias, if not He.
Now his Disciples (having brought their meat) 27
Desired him (in th' interim) to eat. 31
But Jesus told them that he did not want 32
Or meat or drink: though they were ignorant. 33
My Fathers work (said he) is full as good 34
And pleasant, as my necessary food.
Think ye the same of what y'are sent about. 35
Others came in to sow, and so went out. 36

You

You reap the profit of the Prophets pains:
Joh. 4 37 Theirs hath the labour been, and yours the gains.
38 Some corn indeed must yet a great while stand:
But here's a harvest ready to your hand.
Then came the woman to the well again,
30 And brought a number of her Countrymen.
Two daies with them (at their request) he staid,
39 And was receiv'd for what the woman said.
40 Then many more believ'd, and told the woman,
41 They thought indeed that he was Christ, or no man:
42 Yet not on her account, but for the sake
Of their particular hearing what he spake.
6. Thence t'other Towns he came (and past his own:
43 For Prophets are most slighted, where most known.)
44 Those Galileans made him welcomest,
45 Which saw his wonders at the Pascal feast.
He now revisits *Cana*; where at first
46 His water-wine allay'd their wedding-thirst.
And when his coming was divulg'd by fame,
47 A Nobleman from *Capernaum* came,
Beseeching him to come, and so recover
His Son, that otherwise was given over.
48 No faith without a miracle? said Jesus.
49 Pray Sir (reply'd the Courtier) come and ease us.
50 Well, go (said He) thou shalt in health behold him.
51 The man believ'd, and found it as he told him.
52 And having askt the time, 'twas so exact;
53 That minute Jesus spake, the feaver slackt.
54 Which miracle was then so well received,
That's family, as well as he, believed.
Mat. 4 17 Mar. 1 14 Luk. 4 14 7. Thus went he up and down, and taught (with fame)
15 15 Repentance and believing on his Name.
16 But even where he had been educated,
Instead of being honour'd, he was hated.
For standing up, as with his use agree'd,
I'th' Synagogue (one sabbath day) to read,
17 He (by the Clerks offic'ous ministry)
Receiv'd *Isaiahs* Gospel-Prophecy.
And when he had unfolded it, he lights
18 Upon the place, where thus he found it writ;
Isa. 61. 1, 2. I'm filled with the Spirit of the Lord,
Because I am to speak a joyful word
To all the poor in spirit, and am sent
With healing balsom to the heart that's rent;

Freedom

	Mat.	Mar.	Luk.	Joh.
Freedom to preach, to those that fetter'd be,			4 19	
And so proclaim the Lords great Jubilee.				
Then he return'd the book, sate down; and they			20	
(With great attent'on) harken'd what he'ld say.				
This day (said he) this scripture plainly 'ppears			21	
To be fulfill'd exactly in your ears. (much,				
Much more he spoke, which made them wonder			22	
How *Josephs* son should ever come by such.				
I know (said he) you look to see done here			23	
The things that you have known me do elsewhere.				
But I am far more undervalu'd here			24	
(In Pow'r and Person) than I am elsewhere.				
And I must tell you, that in *Israel*			25	
Did many poor and hungry widows dwel,				
When that great famine all the Kingdom grieved,			26	
Yet by the Prophet was but one relieved				
So likewise there white lepers were good store,			27	
When *Naaman* was cured, and no more.				
Then were they ready all to fly in's face,			28	
And led him forth toward the steepest place				
Of all that mount which did support their town,			29	
And made account to throw him headlong down.				
But through them all himself he did conveigh,			30	
And so to *Capernaum* went his way.				
8. And there he dwelt and preach'd contin'ally,	4 13	1 21	31	
And that with more than Scribe authority.		22	32	
(Thus he fulfill'd *Isaiahs* prophecy	14			
Concerning *Zebulon* and *Naphtali*;	15			
Once overwhelmed with a gloomy night,	16			
Now filled with the glor'ous Gospel-light.)				
And in the Church there was a man possest,		23	33	
Who sent this horrid tone from's filthy breast,				
Jesus, away! I know thee who thou art,		24	34	
Gods holy Son. Encrease thou not our smart.				
Jesus reply'd, Come, and hold thy tongue,		25	35	
Satan obey'd (and threw the man along.)		26		
And hereupon his fame was spread throughout		27	36	
The whole amazed country round about.		28	37	
How powerful a word is this (said they)				
Which these uncleanest Devils thus obey!				
9 He visits *Simons* Mother next, whose feavor	8 14	29	38	
(Though violent,) at his command did leave her.		30		
For which great cure so freely wrought upon her.	15	31	39	
She rose and served him with thankful honour.				

1 Kings 17. 9. 2 Kings 5. 14.

2 Kings 15. 29. Is. 9. 1, 2.

10. About

Mat.	Mar.	Luk.	Job.	
8 16	1 32	4 40		10. About sun-set he cast out many Devils;
	33		Is. 53. 4.	And all that came, he heal'd of all their evils.
17	34			(So true of him *Isaiah* prophesies,
				He bore our griefs, and our infirmities.)
		41		And though the Devils cry'd, we know thee well;
				Yet Jesus would not suffer them to tell.
				[He would not let such lyars bear him witness.
				Their trade in lying caused their unfitness.]
	35	42		11. Next morning early Jesus went his way
				Into a solitary place to pray.
	36			Peter and others finding him, declare,
	37			How earnest after him the people were.
	38	43		My pains (said he) on others must be spent,
				As well as these; for therefore am I sent.
4 23	39	44		Therefore he went through *Galilee* and taught,
				Confirming it by wonders which he wrought
24				On all that came from *Syr'a*-side oppreſt,
				Lunatick, Paralytick, and possest.
25				For men were brought (by so great fame as this)
				From parts remote, ev'n from *Decapolis*.
8 2	40	5 12		12. And as he was within a certain City,
				A Leper came and humbly crav'd his pity.
				O Lord (said he) thy power is not mean;
				Thou canst (if willing) eas'ly make me clean.
3	41	13		Then Jesus (mov'd with pity tow'rd the man)
				Touch'd him, and said, I will as well as can:
	42			Be cleansed of thy leprosie (I say.)
				And straight his leprosie was done away.
4	43	14	Lev. 14. 4.	Now go (said he) but see thou dost not tell
	44			Who cur'd thee, till the Priest pronounce thee well.
				Let him receive that off'ring at thy hand,
				As *Moses* doth (in such a case) command.
	45	15		But yet the man so much the matter blazes,
		16		That Christ was fain to keep in desart places,
	2 1			13. Till some daies after, He returned home:
				And it was quickly known that He was come.
	2	17		So that they throng about the house for cure,
				And to receive his words, so sweet, so pure.
9 2	3	18		Among the rest they bring a palsie-man;
	4	19		But cannot come at Christ, do what they can.
				Having at last the roof uncovered,
				With cords they let him down upon his bed.
3	5	20		And when He saw their true industr'ous faith,
				Into the Paralytick man he saith;

Thy

	Mat.	Mar.	Luk.	Joh.
Thy ſin [the ſource of all infirmity]				
Freely and fully is forgiven thee.				
Which when the Scribes and Phariſees did hear		2 6	5 21	
(For divers of them were aſſembled there)				
Hark how his blaſphemy (ſaid they) begins!		7		
For who but God alone can pardon ſins?				
Jeſus reply'd, what means your private talk?	9 4	8	22	
Is't not as hard to ſay, Ariſe and walk?	5	9	23	
Therefore I prove my power thus, and ſay,	6	10	24	
Take up thy Bed (my ſon) and go thy way.		11		
Then on his legs the man be'ng firmly raiſed,	7	12	25	
Bore home his bed, and great *Jehovah* praiſed.				
Which did amazement in the people ſtrike;	8		26	
And made them ſay, they never ſaw the like.				
14. Another time (He being by the ſhore)			1	
The people preſt to hear him more and more.				
And entring into *Peters* ſhip, from thence	4 18	1 16	2	
His grac'ous words he freely did diſpence.			3	
When he had made an end, he *Peter* wiſhes			4	
To launch out further for a draught of fiſhes.				
We fiſh'd (ſaid he) and nothing caught;			5	
But wiſh'd by thee, we'll try another draught.				
And ſo they did; encloſing ſuch a ſhoal,			6	
They could not hope to draw the net up whole,				
For *John* and *Jameſes* help they call amain:			7	
And both the ſhips could ſcarce the fiſh contain.				
Then *Peter* falls at Jeſus's feet, and cries,			8	
Too great art Thou for our vile companies.				
(For they were all amaz'd.) Fear not (ſaid He)			9	
Thou ſhalt henceforth take living ſouls for me.	19	17	10	
So he and *Andrew* came to ſhore, and quickly	20	18	11	
Left all they had, to follow him [more ſtrictly.]				
And as they went along, he call'd the other,	21	19		
Which aided them, *Jacobus* and his Brother.				
They ſoon agree: and *Zebedee* muſt mend	22	20		
The net, which they now could not ſtay to end.				
15. After another ſermon on the ſhore		2 13	27	
(To which reſorted Auditors good ſtore)				
He called *Matthew*; who forſaking all	9 9	14	28	
(Toll and Toll-booth) obey'd his Maſters call:				
And made him ſuch a feaſt, that many 'a ſinner	10	15	29	
And many publicans were there at dinner.				
But this the Phariſees much quarrel'd at,	11	16	30	
Becauſe with men unſanctifi'd he ſat.				

Mat.	Mar.	Luk.	Joh.	
		5 31		These men (said he) do chiefly want Physicians, Who see their sad and desperate conditions. But go and learn what meaneth that, I prize Mercy before the fattest sacrifice.
		32		Self-right'ous men I never came to save, But those that see what want of me they have.
9 14	1 18	33		But why (say they) do thy Disciples feast, When *Johns* and ours fast twice a week at least?
15	19	34		When I am gone (said he) they'll fast and weep: Like Bridemen now my company they keep.
	20	35		
16	2 21	36		And [being newly call'd] they are not fit For trials of a rougher nature yet.
		37		In garments weak, strong pieces will not suit; Old bottles break, and spill the vines new fruit.
17	22	38		They that know what the old wine is already, Disgust the must, as being harsh and heady.
		39		

Joh. 6. 6.

CHAP.

Mat.	Mar.	Luk.	Joh.

CHAP. 4. §. 1.

AND after this, the solemn festival
Was holden at *Jerusalem* by all. 5 1
Here there's a Pool (*Bethesda* is the name) 2
Having five porches built about the same.
These porches for the Creeples were erected, 3
Where they the stirring of the Pool expected.
For at a certain time an Angel came, 4
Whose motion gave such vertue to the same,
That whoso first was after bath'd, was sure
(Whate're he ail'd) of present perfect cure.
Now one (among the rest who there did wait) 5
Had had a lameness thirty years and eight.
Christ therefore knowing what he had endur'd, 6
Demanded of him, if he would be cur'd.
Sir (said the man) it is indeed my will, 7
But (wanting help) I am prevented still.
Rise, take thy bed (said He) and go thy way. 8
So the man did: and 'twas the sabbath day. 9
Therefore the Jews (observing what he did) 10
Told him that this the Laws of God forbid.
This I was bid (reply'd the man) to do, 11
By him that did enable me thereto.
Whose that? said they. Who 'twas, he could not say; 12
For Jesus had convey'd himself away. 13
But in the Temple afterward they met; 14
Now thou art well (said Jesus) do'nt forget
This mercy of the Lord: offend no more,
Lest thou be worse than e're thou wast before.
Then went the man and told the Jews, he found 15
That Jesus was the person made him sound.
With Jesus therefore hotly they contest, 16
For violating of Gods holy Rest.
My God (said he) and Father worketh still: 17
I also work [according to his will.]
Then did they seek to kill him; and the rather, 18
Because he made th' Eternal God his Father.
The Son (said he) does what the Father does: 19
His son he loves; his Son He all things shows. 20

Acts 17. 28.

To

5 21 To him he will his wondrous power give;
That he shall also cause the dead to live.
22 Men he must judge: that men to him may shew
23 The same respect, as unto God is due.
24 Whoso believeth God, believeth me:
And he that doth, shall live eternally.
25 They that are dead shall shortly hear my call,
26 Who am (like God) a spring of life to all.
27 And unto me the last discerning fan
Is given, as I am the Son of man.
28 My voyce (I say) shall open ev'ry grave;
29 Some to condemn, and othersome to save:
30 According to the right'ous firm decree
Of Him that gives me this authority.
31 This record of my self is weak (say you.)
32 But *John* hath fully prov'd it to be true.
33 Whose testimony (yet) I could have waved;
34 But that ye might believe, and so be saved.
35 He was a candle burning very bright,
And (for a while) ye lov'd to see his light.
36 But I have greater witnesses than *John*;
To wit, the works I have divinely done.
37 And God himself from heaven witness bore;
Whose voyce was never heard of you before.
38 But if my Fathers words had been believ'd;
Whom he hath sent, you would have soon receiv'd.
39 Search but the Scriptures, and you'll plainly see,
That they are they which testify of me;
40 How that I am that Life-infusing Prophet:
But ye refuse to be partakers of it.
41 'Tis not my self I honour, but the Lord,
42 Whom (in rejecting me) ye have abhorr'd.
43 If a seducer comes, and humours you;
Whate're he saies, is still accounted true.
44 But how can ye believe, that seek and love
Rather applause from men, than from above?
45 I'll not accuse you unto God: ye must
By *Moses*'s law be judg'd, wherein ye trust.
46 Of Me did *Moses* write; you'ld Me believe,
Did ye but credit unto *Moses* give.
47 But if ye do'nt believe what He did write,
How can ye Me believe [whom thus ye slight?]

Phil. 2. 8, 9.

Luke 23. 10--17.

12 1 2 23 6 1 2. Now on the Sabbath which they call First-second
(From second Paschal seven such were reckon'd)

Jesus's

	Mat.	Mar.	Luk.	Joh.
Jesus's Disciples pluckt the ears of Corn:				
Which ought (the Jews said) then to be forborn.	12 2	2 24	6 2	
Have ye not read (said Christ) what *David* did,	3	25	3	
When he and his (being very hard bestead)				Ex. 29. 33. 43.
Were by *Abimelech* admitted guests	4	26	4	1 Sam. 21. 6.
To consecrated shew-bread of the Priests?				
Why don't ye also of the Priests complain,	5			
How by their works the Sabbath they prophane?				
If, for the Temples use, ye say, they are;	6			
I'm greater than the Temple is by far.				
But God loves Mercy more than sacrifice:	7			
Consider this, and you'll be less precise.				
This Rest was made for mankinds benefit;		27		
And not to lose their health by keeping it.				
I am moreover Lord o'th' Sabbath day;	8	28	5	
[Can temper, change, or take it quite away.]				
3. As Jesus taught another time, there came	9	3 1	6	
A man, whose wither'd hand had made him lame;				
The Jews then (willing to accuse him) say,	10	2	7	
Is healing lawful on the Sabbath day?				
Stand in the midst (said Jesus to the creeple)		3	8	
What one of all this superstitious people,	11			
That hath a sheep new fallen in a pit,				
Will not upon this day deliver it?				
Man is by far more pretious: if we can,	12	4	9	
Can save and will not, we destroy the Man.				
What say ye now to this? what is't ye say?				
Is healing lawful on the Sabbath day?				
Then did he (when they answer'd not) express	13	5	10	
Anger and grief at their hard-heartedness:				
And bad the man stretch forth his wither'd hand,				
Which was restor'd again at his command.				
At this, the Pharisees (with madness fill'd)	14	6	11	
Straightway consult which way to get him kill'd.				
But Jesus knowing their *Herodian* hearts,	15	7		
Went tow'rd the *Maritime* remoter parts.				
Yet from all parts the people thither came,		8		
When once they heard of his all-healing Name.		9		
So that a ship was fain to wait upon him:				
So out of measure did the people throng him.				
For with a touch he healed all their evils,		10		
And with a word cast out the fouleſt Devils;		11		
And charg'd them not to make him known: hereby	16	12		
Fulfilling of *Isaiahs* prophecy,				

Mat.	Mar.	Luk.	Joh.	
12 18				Isa. 42. 1.
				My chosen and beloved servant shews
				Judgement as well to Gentiles as to Jews.
19				He shall not make a puther or a noise,
				Nor in the streets shall any hear his voice.
20				He shall not break the reed already cleft;
				Nor quench the flax, where spark of hope is left;
				Till he compleat his Gospel-Right'ousness:
21				Till Gentiles this Victorious Judge confess.
	3 13	6 12		4. About this time the Lord abode in pray'r
				All night upon a mountain, to prepare
	14			His Ordination. When the Sun drew near,
				He summons his Disciples to appear:
		13		Whence he so many for Apostles marks,
				As th' antient Jewish Church had Patriarks:
				To be his near attendants, and dispers'e
				These joyful tidings through the universe.
	15			Ease to restore to those that were dis-eas'd,,
				And to recover whom the Devil seiz'd.
10 2	16	14		*Peter* and *Andrew*, *James* and *John* (two pairs)
	17			And these two last he called Thunderers;
3	18	15		Then *Philip*, *Thomas*, and *Bartholomew*,
				Levi (th' Excisman) *alias Matthew*,
				Alpheus's Son *Jacobus* was another,
				And *Judas* (call'd *Thaddeus*) *Jameses* Brother,
4	19	16		*Simon* the *Cananite* (or else *Zelotes*,)
				Lip-holy *Judas* (call'd *Iscariotes*)
				Whose thievery and avarice (in th' end)
				To's Master made him prove a trait'rous fiend.
		17		With these the Lord descended to the plain,
		18		Where met him all the multitude again:
		19		And they that were diseas'd, or were possest,
				All of them had their grievances redrest.
	20			Then into th' house he went; but had no leisure
				To eat or drink: they throng'd so out of measure.
	21			And some went forth to stop the multitude:
				For this (they said) was boisterous and rude.
5 1		20		5. Seeing them come so thick, on that account
				He went and preach'd this Sermon in the Mount.
2				(To his Disciples chiefly 'twas addrest,
				Though many things concerned all the rest.)
3				Blessed are they that are in spirit poor:
				Heaven shall them enrich for evermore.
4				Blessed are they that weep and mourn aright:
				They shall be comforted with joy and light.

Blest

Bleſt are the meek, that all the world enjoy; 5
[Whoſe inward peace no creature can annoy.]
Bleſt (then) are Mourners, Meek, and Poor in Spirit?
Who Comfort, Earth, and Heaven muſt inherit.
Bleſt are the hungry and the thirſty Souls: 6
God ſhall their table ſpread, and fill their bowls.
Bleſſed are thoſe are mercifully given: 7
Mercy again ſhall they obtain from Heaven.
Bleſt are the pure in heart, who God ſhall ſee. 8
Bleſt are the peaceful, Heavens Progeny. 9
Bleſſed are thoſe that are my ſufferers: 10
For the Celeſtial Kingdom ſhall be theirs. 11
Glory in wrongs; for your reward is Glory: 12
Ye know they us'd the Prophets ſo before y'.
Ye are as ſalt; which, when the Savour's gone, 13
Is good for nought, and therefore trampled on.
Ye repreſent a City built on high; 14
Which (while it is) is obvious to the eye.
Ye are as lights: which men uſe ſo to ſet, 15
That all the houſe may thence have benefit.
So let your works ſhine forth, that men may gather 16
Thence, that ye have a true Celeſtial Father.
Whoſe Law t'aboliſh never think I came; 17
I came to 'ſtabliſh and enlarge the ſame.
For Heav'n and Earth ſhall ſooner paſs away, 18 16 17
Than e're one moral tittle ſhall decay.
Whoſo the leaſt commandment violates 19
(Repenting not) ne're enters Heaven-gates.
For if ye do no more than what is done 20
By factious Scribes and Phariſees y' are gone.
Murder (ſay they) to judgement muſt be brought, 21
And ſo ſhall ev'ry raſh and angry thought. 22
Which breaking out in vile opprobrious names,
Shall have a greater doom and hotter flames.
Offer not therefore any ſacrifice, 23
Untill you've reconcil'd your enemies. 24
And this do quickly, e're the Judgement's paſt; 25 12 58
59
Before you are in horrid priſon caſt.
From whence ye cann't at liberty be ſet, 26
Untill y' have paid the utmoſt of the debt.
'Twas ſaid of old, All whoredom thou ſhalt flee: 27
I ſay a wanton thought 's adultery. 28
If thy right eye or hand offend thee thus, 29
Condemn both them and all thy darling luſts. 30

Come rather lame, and ſing in Heavens Quire ;
Than alwaies flame, and howl in Hell entire.
Again, the Scribes tranſgreſs the antient laws,
Suff'ring divorce for any trivial cauſe.
Except it be for fornication ; ſhe,
And he that weds her, act adultery.
They alſo ſay, Let ſwearers pay their vow :
But I no [idle] ſwearing can allow ;
By Heav'n or Earth, or by *Jeruſalem* :
For God alone hath power over them.
Nor by thy head ; until thou canſt turn gray,
Or (at thy pleaſure) turn thy age away.
Barely affirm, or barely elſe deny,
In vulgar term, No, Nay, Yes, Yea or Y,
The law permits you to retaliate
[Yet not without the Publick Magiſtrate.]
Be Ye (if any buffet you) ſo meek,
As (rather than revenge) turn th' other cheek.
If law's pretended, and thy coat be gone ;
Two wrongs endure, before thou render one.
And if compel'd (by Meſſengers of State)
To go a journey, be not obſtinate.
Give, to thy pow'r : and whoſoe're would borrow,
When lend thou canſt, delay not till the morrow.
Ye know what hath been ſaid [by Phariſees ;]
Thy Neighbour love, and hate thine Enemies.
But I ſay Love, and Bleſs, and pray for thoſe
That Hate you, Curſe you, Are your bloody foes.
For thus your Fathers rain and Sun give food,
As well to wicked perſons as to good.
If ye ſalute and love your loving Brothers,
What do ye more than Publicans and others ?
Imitate this perfection of Gods Love ;
[And have his benediction from above.]
Touching your giving alms ; If ye regard
Applauſe of men, expect no more reward.
Vain-glory makes the hypocrites proclaim it ;
And they receive the recompenſe they aim at.
Be thou ſo private, it may ſcarce be known
To thee thy ſelf, what thou thy ſelf haſt done.
That He who ſees the greateſt ſecrecy,
May (at the laſt) reward thee openly.
And when thou pray'ſt, pray not like thoſe that do [it
In greateſt concourſe, that the world may know it.

But

But ſhut thy door ; be ſure thou ſhalt be heard : 6 6
Thy private pray'r hee'll publickly reward.
Nor pray like heathens, o're and o're again ; 7
Who think their ſtrings repeated muſt obtain.
God knows beforehand what ye have to ſay. 8
After this manner therefore you may pray : 9
Our Heav'nly Father, hallow'd be thy Name.
Enlarge thy Kingdom, and confirm the ſame. 10
Grant that thy will we may fulfill in love,
As it is done by ev'ry one above.
Vouchſafe this day our daily bread to ſend us. 11
And pardon us, as we do thoſe offend us. 12
Whate're the world, whate're the fleſh or Devil 13
Tempting attempt, deliver us from evil.
For thou art King of glorious pow'r [and then
Wilt ſtill be ſo] when time's no more. *Amen.*
(This form he alſo gave, when ask'd by one 11 1
For ſuch a form, as others had of *John.*) 2
Pardons (ſaid he) are ſo beſtow'd upon you, 14 3
As you your ſelves do pardon thoſe that wrong you. 15 4
Moreover, in your private faſts, ſequeſter 16
That hypocritical affected geſture.
Waſh and anoint thy ſelf : and ſhun their puther, 17
Who both reward and faſt to one another.
Faſt not to men, but unto God ; and ſee, 18
If God do n't recompenſe thee openly.
Lay up no treaſure here for moth and ruſt ; 19 12 33
And where (for thieves) ye know not whom to truſt.
Lay't up in heav'n ; ſuch things approach not thither : 20 34
Your heart and treaſure will be both together. 21
Both ſoul and body are directed well, 22 11 34
If light in th' eye and in the judgement dwell. 35
But being clouded with blind avarice, 23 36
How diſmal an obſcurity is this !
For God and Mammon are ſo oppoſite, 24
They cannot both be ſerv'd by mortal wight.
Take then no thought for things to drink or eat : 25 12 22
God gives you life ; he'll (ſurely) give you meat. 23
He feeds the fowls, that neither reap nor ſow : 26 24
Are ye not better than the birds (I trow ?)
But which of you take all the thought you can, 27 25
Can make himſelf one whit the taller man ? 26
And then for clothes ; the lilies here (ye know) 28 27
Nor toyl, nor ſpin ; yet ſee but how they grow !

29 That even *Solomon* in all his glory
Was not aray'd like one of these before y^e.
30 12 28 Be not so faithless as to think your Father
Will cloath the grass, and not his children rather.
31 29 Take then no thought for victuals or for suits:
These are the chiefest care of heathen brutes.
32 30 Your father knows ye cannot be without them:
Ye need not be so anxious then about them.
33 31 His kingdom first and Right'ousness pursue:
The rest shall all be added unto you.
32 My little flock, away with fears and cares:
Your Fathers will hath made you Royal heirs.
34 Be not solicitous about to morrow:
The present day is full enough of sorrow.
Acts 4 34. 33 Rather give alms, let what ye have be sold:
And so provide you bag^s, that wax not old.
7 1 Judge not, and be not judg'd: for as ye judge,
2 That judgement to receive ye must not grudge.
3 How canst thou hypocritically crie,
4 Of that same straw I'll clear my brothers eye;
5 When in thine own there is a beam? Correct
Thy own waies first, and then let him be checkt.
6 To Cynick teeth expose not things divine;
Nor Diamond-doctrines to the feet of swine.
11 5 Although a friend at midnight may deny
6 To rise, and do his friend a courtesy;
7 Yet if his friend be but importunate,
8 He'll rise and help him (be it ne're so late.)
7 9 Be earnest in your pray'rs; ask, seek, and knock;
8 10 Receive, and find, and heaven-gates unlock.
9 11 What man (for bread) will give his child a stone,
10 12 Or give him (for a fish] a scorpion?
11 13 If ye (whose goodness comes from him) do so,
Much more shall he his Ghostly gifts bestow.
12 Observe that gen'ral Law, to others do,
As ye are willing should be done to you.
13 The broad way shun wherein the rabble treads,
Which unto death and so to ruine leads.
14 Strive (with a few) to enter at the gate
That leads to life; because 'tis very streight.
15 Beware of teachers cloath'd in woolly skin,
16 But are indeed as rav'nous wolves within;
17 You'l know them by their lives and by their lips:
'Tis not a vine that beareth haws or heps.

The

	Mat.	Mar.	Luk.	Joh.
The root and fruit are both alike: the fruit	7 18			
Will truly ſhew the nature of the root.				
And if the fruit be naught, the tree is good	19			
For nothing but to find Hell-fire food.	20			
Lord, Lord: will never into heav'n admit them,	21			
Unleſs an holy life before hand fit them.				
For workers of iniquity will plead,	22			
That in my name they've often preach'd and pray'd,				
Caſt Devils out, and many wonders done:	23			
But then ſhall I diſown them ev'ry one.				
Therefore all they that practiſe what they hear,	24			
With prudence on a Rock their building rear.				
And all the ſtorms and winds that beat and blow,	25			
That firm foundation cannot overthrow.				
But they that never practiſe what they hear,	26			
With folly on the ſand their building rear:				
Which, when the ſtorms and winds do beat and blow,	27		6 49	
With dreadfull fall they quickly overthrow.				
And when theſe ſayings to an end were brought,	28			
The people were amaz'd at what he taught:				
Who taught them with authority, and ſo	29			
As feeble Scribes were never wont to do.				
6. From thence to *Capernaum* Jeſus went:	8 5		7 1	
And there the Elders of the Jews were ſent,			2	
To gain his will to heal a Captains ſervant.	6		3	
And they (in their requeſt) were very fervent.			4	
This man (ſaid they) deſerves it at thy hand:			5	
He founded us a Church, and loves our Land.				
And as He went along with them, to cure him;	7		6	
The Captain ſent ſome friends of his, t'aſſure him,				
That he [a Gentile] was not fit enough	8			
To harbour ſuch a One within his roof.				
Therefore (ſaid he) I durſt not ſee my Lord:			7	
I'm ſure of help, if thou but ſpeak the word.				
For I (though ſo inferiour a Commander)	9		8	
Can make my men come hither or go yonder.				
Then Jeſus (turning to the people) ſaith,	10		9	
All Iſr'el hath afforded no ſuch faith.				
Heli's for the Jews; when (from the Eaſt and Weſt)	11			
The heathens ſhall with Abraham be bleſt.	12			
So they return'd, and (as he told them) found	13		10	
The paralytick man both ſafe and ſound.				
7. The next day after, Jeſus went along			11	
Tow'rd *Naim* City, with a mighty throng.				

Luk. 7 12 And there he met (without the City walls)
A widows only sons sad funerals,
Attended with much people of the place
Condoling of her lamentable case.
13 And at the sight his bowels did relent,
Weep not (said he) thy loss do I resent.
14 When to the Bier he came, the bearers staid;
Then did he touch the same, and thus he said;
Young man arise. He could not but obey,
[And open his eyes, that had been cold as clay:]
15 Then sitting up, he spake exceeding plain,
And Jesus gave him to his friends again.
16 Great fear surpriz'd all those that saw the same;
Who therefore prais'd the great Jehovahs Name:
Because he had his people visited,
And rais'd a prophet that could raise the dead.
17 Which rumour quickly was divulg'd throughout
Judea and the Region round about.
Mat. 11 2 Luk. 18 8. John heard it too; and sent to Christ, to know,
3 19 Whether he were indeed the Christ or no.
20 Now Jesus (when the two disciples came)
21 Was healing men possest, and blind, and lame.
4 22 Tell *John* (said he) what miracles are wrought,
5 And how the Gospel to the poor is taught.
6 23 And blest is he that taketh no offence
At this my Jew-despised exigence.
7 24 Then Jesus (when the messengers were gone)
Thus to his Auditours commended *John*:
8 25 What went ye forth to see? a wav'ring reed?
Or one arayed like the Royal seed?
9 26 What went ye forth to see? a Prophet? yea,
No Prophet ever was so great as He.
10 27 He 'tis, of whom the Prophecy doth say,
I send my Messenger, to clear thy way.
11 28 And yet the meanest Gospel-minister
Before this great Law-prophet I prefer.
12 16 16 Till *John* the types and prophesies foretold,
13 What *Johns* forefinger bids you now behold.
14 Come ye but hear and understand; in summ,
15 This that *Elias* is, that was to come.
Yet few embrac'd his Gospel, save the worst;
Which have no right (ye think) but are accurst.
Luk. 7 29 Heathens and Publicans (indeed) conform
So thick, as if they Heaven meant to storm.

But

	Mat.	Mar.	Luk.	Joh.
But Pharisees and Lawyers have rejected			7 30	
His good advice from God to them directed.				
What shall I say then to this peevish race,	11 16		31	
But what the boyes are wont i'th' market-place:				
Ye dance not at our merry pipe; our ditty	17		32	
(Though ne're so doleful) will not move your pity?				
For *Johns* austerity ye have oppresst	18		33	
With infamy, as if he were possest:				
I that am free free and affable, have got	19		34	
The title of a Glutton and a Sot.				
But all true sons of Wisdom justify			35	
Both him and me from all your obloquy.				
9. Then did the Lord their unbelief upbraid,	20			
To whom his pow'r had chiefly been display'd.				
Wo to *Chorazin*, to *Bethsaida* wo!	21			
For *Tyre* and *Sidon* would have long ago				
Themselves in sack-cloth humbled, had they been				
Spectators of the things, that ye have seen.				
I tell you therefore, in the Judgement-day	22			
A greater doom shall ye receive than they.				
In wonders *Capernaum* doth excell;	23			
And their neglect will thrust her down to hell.				
If *Sodom* and *Gomorrah* had enjoy'd them,				
That fire and brimstone had not yet destroy'd them.				
I tell you therefore, in the Judgement-day	24			
She shall receive a greater doom than they.				
Thanks to my Father, Lord of Heav'n and Earth,	25			
Who slightest men of parts and noble birth;				
And dost these mysteries to Children shew:				
Because it is thy pleasure so to do.	26			
Thou hast deliver'd ev'ry thing to me;	27			
And I am fully known to none but thee:				
And so thy glorious person is conceal'd				
Only to me and thorow me reveal'd.				
Come unto me, all ye that are oppresst;	28			
Come unto me, and I will give you rest.				
Submit your selves to this my Discipline:	29			
'Twill prove the best and sweetest Anodyne.				
[I do not tyrannize with rig'rous might:]	30			
My yoke is easy and my burden light.				
10. About this season (being invited) he			7 36	
Lay down to dinner with a Pharisee.				
A woman of the City thither came			37	
(Whose life had gain'd her a notorious name)				

And brought (within an Alabaſter pot)
The delicateſt ointment could be got.
She knee'd behind his feet; and when they were
Waſh'd with her tears, ſhe dri'd them with her hair:
Then (having kiſt them) with her oyl ſo ſweet
Bath'd his beloved, well-beloved feet.
The Phariſee (obſerving what was done)
Wonder'd that Jeſus let her thus alone.
Were this (thought he) a Prophet (as they deem)
He would have known, who 'tis that toucheth him.
Simon (ſaid Jeſus) ſomewhat I ſhould ſay.
Maſter (ſaid *Simon*) let me hear't, I pray,
Two men (ſaid He) to pay to One were bound,
One twenty ſhilling, th' other twenty pound:
And when they had not wherewithal to pay,
He cancelled and threw the bonds away.
Which of the two (doſt think) will love him moſt?
Why, he by whom the greateſt ſumm was loſt.
Thou 'rt in the right (ſaid Chriſt.) Now do but ſee,
How very different your dealings be.
Thou did'ſt me not with common water greet:
Her penitential tears have waſht my feet.
My cheek with common kiſs thou didſt not greet:
She hath not yet left kiſſing of my feet.
My head with common oyl thou didſt not greet:
Her pleaſant ointment hath perfum'd my feet.
Her ſins are pardon'd, which ſhe knew were many:
Though thou (perhaps) doſt think thou haſt not any.
Then he addreſt himſelf to her, and ſaid,
Thy ſins are pardon'd, all thy debts are paid —.
This ſtartled all the reſt that were at dinner:
What man (ſaid they) can thus diſcharge a ſinner?
--The Faith (ſaid Chriſt) hath gain'd thee this releaſe:
And therefore (Daughter) go thy way in peace.
11. Jeſus went (after this) from town to town
(With his Apoſtles) preaching up and down.
And certain gratefull women bore his charge,
Whom He from evil ſpirits ſet at large.
Mary (from whom went ſeaven) and *Suſannah*,
With *Herods* ſteward *Chuza*'s wife *Joanna*. (blind:
12. Then brought they one poſſeſt, both dumb and
But at his word the Devil ſoon reſign'd.
So that the people were amaz'd; and gave it
For granted, He was Chriſt (the Son of *David*.)

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But Scribes came thither from *Jeruſalem*,	12 24	3 22	11 15	
Whoſe Helliſh malice made'em thus blaſpheme;				
He beats the Devils down but with a club				
That's borrow'd of their Grand-ſire Belzebub.				
Houſen (ſaid Chriſt) or Kingdoms, that divide	25	23	17	
Themſelves againſt themſelves, cann't long abide.		24		
If Devils thus among themſelves contend,	26	25	18	
Soon will their ſelf diſtracted Kingdom end.		26		
You think your own *Exorciſts* do it by	27		19	
The power of Gods ſpirit: why not I?				
But if I do, then am I *Davids* ſon;	28		20	
Ye may be ſure, that Kingdom is begun.				
I ruine Satans plots, I bind his hands;	29	27	21	
I vanquiſh vice, wherein his Kingdom ſtands.			22	
And he that helps me not to beat him down,	30		23	
Hinders th' advancement of my Royal Crown.				
All ſin may be forgiven whatſoever:	31	28	12 10	
But this malicious Blaſphemy ſhall never.		29		
Whoe're imputes what Heavens Holy Spirit	32	30		
Works, unto Hells black art, ſhall Heil inherit.				
Show me the fruit, I know the tree: and ſo	33			
Theſe wicked words your wicked hearts do ſhow.				
For from the fountain of the heart doth ſpring	34			
Both ev'ry good and ev'ry evil thing.				
But at the laſt men muſt a reck'ning make	35			
For all the idle words they ever ſpake.				
And then thy ſound or thy corrupted breath	36			
Will prove a ſavour unto life or death.	37			
13. Some then deſired him a ſign to ſhew,	38		11 16	
Whom Jeſus thought not fit to yield unto.				
Ye ſhall e're long (ſaid he) have ſuch a one, as	39		29	
Was once prefigur'd in the Prophet *Jonas*.				
As the third day gave him his ſecond birth,	40		30	
So then ſhall I forſake the teeming earth.			31	
Thoſe Ninevites condemn this ſtubborn race:	41		32	
For here's a Greater in their Prophets place.				
The Southern Queen condemns you ev'ry one:	42			
For here's a Greater than King *Solomon*.				
I have begun to caſt your Devil out;	43		24	
Who roving ſolitarily about,				
At length returns, and [at the open door]	44		25	
Eſpies his houſe deckt better than before:				
Then with a ſeav'n-fold power will he venture	45		26	
(To your eternal ruine) to reenter.				

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14. While yet he ſpake, his Brethren and his Mother
Could not come near; they throng'd ſo one another.
Then was he told by thoſe that ſtood about,
Thy Mother and thy Brethren are without, deem
And fain would ſpeak with thee: But whom d'ye
To be (ſaid he) my kindred? I eſteem
Theſe men my neareſt and my deareſt kin,
Which have my faithfulleſt Diſciples bin:
He that obeys my Father, is my Brother;
And ſhe likewiſe, my Siſter and my Mother.
How bleſſed (ſaid a woman) is the womb
And paps, from whence thy nouriſhment hath come!
Yea, bleſt are they (ſaid He) a great deal rather,
Which hear and do the will of God my Father.
15. That very day did he from ſhip-board teach
Great multitudes of people on the Beach.
A husbandman (ſaid he) went out to ſow;
And ſome ſeed fell, where people us'd to go:
Which lying open to the fow'ls, they came
And very greedily devour'd the ſame.
Some fell upon a ground of ſtone, and there
The upſtart blade was quickly made appear:
But when the ſun grew hot, it wither'd quite;
Becauſe the rooting was ſo very ſlight.
Some fell (again) upon a ground of thorn,
Which overpowered and choak'd the corn.
Some falling on a good and fertile ſoil,
Did variouſly reward the plowmans toyl.
He that hath got an ear to hear, may hear:
[But all have not an underſtanding ear.]
Then his Diſciples aſkt him, why he ſpoke
So Enigmatically to the flock.
Becauſe (ſaid he) to you alone 'tis given,
To underſtand the myſteries of heaven.
They that do know and practiſe, ſhall have more;
Others ſhall loſe the things they had before.
So theſe that think they have both eye and ear,
Indeed and truth do neither ſee nor hear.
Iſa. 6. 9. So ſaid *Iſaiah* to this harden'd land;
Hear ye and ſee, but nothing underſtand.
In judgement are they blind, and ſo groſs-hearted;
Leſt they ſhould underſtand and be converted.
Ye hear and ſee, what all the Prophets could
Nor hear nor ſee, though very fain they would.

Hear

Hear then this parable more plain expreſt; 13 18
Which is (indeed) amongſt the eaſieſt. 4 13
The Preacher ſows the word of God; and they 19 14 8 11
Which do not underſtand it, are th' high-way: 12
Becauſe their hearts do not the ſeed admit, 15
The foul-mouth'd Prince o'th' air devoureth it.
That which the ſtony-ground receives with joy, 20 16 13
The heat of perſecution will deſtroy. 21 17
The thorns and briars (where the ſeed was hurld) 22 18 14
Point out the cares and riches of the world. 19
In ſolid, honeſt hearts the word takes root, 23 20 15
And (more or leſs) it bears a pretious fruit.
The Earthly Heaven (ſaid the Lord again) 24
Is like a field that bears the choiceſt grain.
But while the farmer dreams of no ſuch matters, 25
Some envious hand or other darnel ſcatters.
And when the Corn and that begin t' appear, 26
Who (ſay the ſervants) ſow'd the darnel here? 27
None but an enemy (quoth he) would do't. 28
Shall we (ſay they) advance it by the root?
No (ſaith the Maſter) leſt ye hurt the corn: 29
Until the harveſt let it be forborn.
And then the reapers (whom I uſe to hire) 30
Shall houſe the wheat, and hurl the weed in fire.
Again, the word diſpens'd aright (ſaid He) 26
Is like to ſeed that grows inſenſibly. 27
Whoſe fruit of Grace (which no device can blaſt) 28
Comes to a Glorious harveſt at the laſt. 29
Again, my Kingdom's like a muſtard-ſeed, 31 30 13 18
That yields a tree wherein the birds may breed. 31 19
From ſmall beginnings it will greatly grow; 32 32 20
Juſt as the leven ſpreads among the dough. 33 21
In ſuch plain parables (and yet ſublime) 33 34
He couch'd his Doctrine all at that ſame time. 34
Fulfilling what the Pſalmiſt once foretold, 35
I'll parables declare both dark and old.
Then the Diſciples pray'd him to explain 36
The meaning of the Darnel and the Grain. 37
The Grain (ſaid he) are You, whom I have ſown; 38
The Ray's the off-ſpring of the wicked One: 39
Which in the final harveſt of the world 40
Shall by the Angels into Hell be hurl'd. 41
And then the Right'ous like the Sun ſhall ſhine. 42
They that can hear, let them their ear incline. 43

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13 43 He that hath found where treasure is conceal'd,
44 Sells all he hath and purchases the field:
45 So is the Gospel. So a Merchant-man
46 Makes all the mony, all the means he can,
To gain a costly diamond; to gain
What doubly will reward his cost and pain.
'Tis like a Net enclosing great and small;
47 (All are enclosed, because they 're fishes all:)
48 But on the shore their good or bad condition
Must undergo the Fishers inquisition.
49 And so the Angels at the latter day
50 Shall save the good, and throw the bad away.
51 Then Jesus ask'd his Scholars, if they thought
These things intelligible, which he taught.
They answer'd, Yes, all this we understand.
52 Take notice then (said he) of this command;
Lay safely up (for treasure) all you 've heard,
Be like to Scribes for Heaven well prepar'd;
Or like to skilfull Housholders, that shew
(Upon occasion) things both old and new.
4 21 8 16 Who lights a candle, to be covered
Beneath a narrow bushel or a bed?
22 17 All that I tell you here, must come to light:
All must be made appear to all mens sight.
23 Ye that can hear, to this incline your ear:
24 18 Take special heed both what and how ye hear.
Look how much care and diligence ye take,
So much the greater profit will ye make.
25 Gifts well employ'd the Lord intends to bless;
Which not employ'd must needs grow less and less.
8 23 35 22 16. Now when the ev'ning came, he bad them make
36 Tow'rd th' other side of this *Tiberian* lake.
24 37 23 And being under sail, the wind and sea
Were like to cast the ships and them away.
25 38 24 They (as their sacred anchor) flee to Him:
Carest thou nothing, if we sink or swim?
26 39 He then awoke, and (rising from his pillow)
25 Rebuk'd the wind, and calmed ev'ry billow:
27 43 Chiding their fluctuating faith. And they
41 Wonder'd to see th' imperious wind obey.
28 5 1 26 17. Now to the place of *Gadarenes* he comes:
Where two Demoniacks met him from the tombs.
2 27 One was so fierce and fell, his furious hands
3 Snapt (like a twined thread) the strongest bands:

Ranging

Ranging about the Hills and Monuments, 4
Yelling, and lancing of himself with flints. 5
Christ at a distance he beheld and knew, 6 8 28
And prostrate at his feet himself he threw.
Jesus (said he) thou Son of God, be gone; 8 29 5 7
And (by the Great Jehovah) let m' alone:
Let me alone; confine me not as yet
Within that bottomless and easeless pit.
For He had said, come forth thou fiend [so mad:] 8 29
Asking (besides) what kind of name he had. 9 30
I have (said he) as large a name as any:
Legion I'm call'd, for truly we are many.
Pray let us not be utterly cashier'd: 10 31
Grant us possession of that swinish herd. 30 11
These were about two thousand there at grass: 31 12 32
And into them (by Jesus' leave) they past.
Then running down a place exceeding steep, 32 13 33
The dirty swine were drowned in the deep.
And when the hogherds saw't, away they fled, 33 14 34
To tell the people how their cattle sped.
To see this accident the people ran; 34 15 35
And when they came, they saw the savage man
Sit cloath'd and in his wits at Jesus' feet:
And they were all astonished to see't.
But being informed what became of 's host, 16 36
They prayed Jesus to depart the coast. 17 37
So taking ship, the man would scarce forsake him, 18 38
[For fear the Legion again should take him.]
Go home (said Christ) fear no such future evil; 19 39
[I can (though absent) guard thee from the Devil]
Go; let the mercies of the Lord be blazed. 20
He went; and made *Decapolis* amazed.
18. Now after Jesus was again come o're, 9 1 21 40
He found the people waiting on the shore.
A Ruler of the Synagogue then came 18 22 41
And worship'd Jesus (*Jairus* was his name)
Lord, come (said he) and touch, and so recover 23 42
My little Daughter that is given over.
And as they both together went along, 19 24
A certain woman crowded in the throng; 20 25 43
Which had a flux for twelve long years endur'd,
Spent all she had, and could not yet be cur'd. 26
I know (said she) I should be as I ought, 21 27
Could I but touch this Great Physici'ans coat. 28

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With much ado ſhe reach'd the fringe or border,
And ſtraight perceiv'd her body was in order.
Then Jeſus turn'd and ask'd, Who touch'd me thus?
Peter reply'd, They throng both thee and us.
Some body hath (ſaid he, and look'd about)
I find that healing vertue is gone out.
And when the woman ſaw ſhe was not hid;
She kneeling, trembling, told him what ſhe did.
Daughter (ſaid he) thine own believing heart
Was th' inſtrument of cure; in peace depart.
Then one of *Jairus'* ſervants came, and ſ'ed,
Thou need'ſt not trouble Him; thy Daughter's dead.
Be not afraid (ſaid Chriſt) do but believe;
Thou ſhalt thy daughter ſafe and ſound receive.
Then coming to the houſe, he ſuffer'd none
To follow him, ſave *Peter*, *James*, and *John*.
And hearing what a doleful din they kept,
He told them that the Dam'ſel only ſlept.
They laugh'd at that. Stand back (ſaid he) give way;
And (with her parents) enter'd, where ſhe lay.
Dam'ſel (ſaid he) ariſe from off thy bed.
She did: and they were all aſtoniſhed.
Now let her eat (ſaid he) what meat ſhe can:
But let not this be known to any man.
19. And as he went from thence, two men implor'd.
His mercy, and to have their ſight reſtor'd.
Do ye believe indeed (ſaid he) that this
Within my power is? They anſwer'd, Yes.
Then touching their benighted eyes, he ſaith,
Be't to you both according to your faith.
They ſaw: and he (ſo far from all vain-glory)
Bad them conceal, and not reveal the ſtory.
But they departed; and (wheree're they came)
In all the country ſpread abroad his fame.
20. They brought him then a dumb Demoniack:
Who being diſpoſſeſt, diſtinctly ſpake.
Who (ſaid th' amazed people) who can tell,
When ſuch a thing was ſeen in *Iſrael*?
The Phariſees (again blaſpheming) ſaid,
He caſts out Devils by the Devils aid.
21. Jeſus from thence (with his Diſciples) went
Where formerly his private life was ſpent.
And as he taught, they wonder'd He ſhould know
Such things, who never had been bred thereto.

Thus

Thus they were prejudic'd, becauſe they knew 13 56 6 3
Him, and his trade, and his Relations too.
'Tis very true (ſaid he, that knew their mind) 57 4
Prophets at home worſt entertainment find. 5
Your ſtrange and monſtrous unbelief hath hind'red 58 6
My working miracles among my kindred.
22. Then Jeſus went and preach'd about, and wrought 9 35
Wonders and cures in proof of what he taught:
Pitying the feeble multitude, that were 36
Scatter'd like ſheep without a ſhepherds care.
The Crop is great (ſaid he) and 'tis as true, 37
That faithful, skilful workmen are as few.
But pray to God, that he would ſend abroad 38
Labourers void of folly and of fraud.
And now do, what I choſe you twelve to do, 10 1 7 9 1
Perambulate the Land by two and two. 2
Paſs by Samaritan and Heathen towns: 3
Seek ye the ſheep that ſtray on Jewiſh downs. 4
This Doctrine preach, Chriſts kingdom is begun: 5 2
Prove it by miracles, as I have done. 6
Caſt out the Devils, cauſe the dead to live: 7
Ye freely have received, freely give. 8
Provide no money, no more cloaths; go forth, 9 3
Juſt as you are: your work is ſomewhat worth. 10 8
And tarry, when ye come to any Town, 11 9
In one good houſe; and flit not up and down.
Wiſh peace on ſuch a houſe peace ſhall remain; 12 10 4
From others it returns to you again. 13
If any Town your words or you diſguſt, 11 5
Witneſs againſt them, ſhaking off their duſt. 14
And in the judgement-day ſhall theſe have ſorrow,
Much more than thoſe of *Sodom* and *Gomorrah*. 15
Ye go like ſheep among the wolviſh droves;
Be wiſe as ſerpents, harmleſs as the Doves. 16
Beware of men: to Councils they'll accuſe you;
And often in their Synagogues abuſe you. 17
Before the Roman powers you'll be led:
(And ſo the Goſpel ſhall be further ſpread.) 18
But trouble not your ſelves, what then to ſay:
Your anſwer ſhall be ready at that day. 19 12 11
You anſwer not ſo much, as doth the ſpirit, 20 12
Which from your Heav'nly Father ye inherit.
A Brother will inform againſt a Brother:
One ſeeming Chriſtian will betray another. 21

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10 22				None will endure you: but if you endure
				To th' end, be sure you shall be then secure.
23				When persecuted, flee from Town to town:
				Before you've done, I'll poure my veng'ance down.
24				Ye must not look to have the worlds good word,
25				When Him they so abuse that is your Lord.
26				Then fear them not: let nothing be conceal'd;
				What I have told you, must be all reveal'd.
27		12	2	Proclaim aloud, whate're I whisper here:
			3	And do not body-burning Tyrants fear.
28			4	Fear him that can both heav'n and Earth controll,
			5	And bid hell-flames devour both body and soul.
29			6	'Tis He, by whom your very hairs are told.
30			7	Are not two sparrows for a farthing sold?
31				Not one of them drops down without your Father.
				And will he not look after You much rather?
32			8	Own me before the world, and you I'll own,
				Then when ye come before my Fathers throne.
33			9	Deny me (if you please;) I'll you deny,
				Then when you come before his Majesty.
			49	For I am come to light a trying fire,
				Whose kindling I most ardently desire.
			50	But I my self must first be dipt therein:
				How am I streightned till it doth begin!
34			51	Think not that I am come to settle peace:
				For (with the Gospel) troubles will encrease.
35			52	Through Satans malice it will set at strife
36			53	Father and Son, the Husband and the Wife.
37		14	26	And he that sets the deerest friend above me,
				I set him down for one not worthy of me.
38			27	And so is he that beareth not his cross,
				And follows me; although to's outward loss.
			28	Now you're precaution'd. Who begins a tower,
				Before he weighs the utmost of his power?
			29	For otherwise he gaineth but a jeer;
			30	Because he founded, what he could not rear.
			31	Or what King goes to undertake a war,
				Before he knows how strong his forces are?
			32	But rather than unequally engage,
				He'll try to qualify the others rage.
			33	So ye beforehand on your losses think;
				That when your trial comes, ye may not shrink.
39				He that loves life before the Gospels profit,
				He shall for ever be deprived of it.

But

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But he that will expoſe his life for me,				
Shall live, and only loſe mortality.				
Whoſo receiveth you that bear my name,	10 40			
Receiveth me, and Him from whom I came.				
And if to God and Me he hath regard,	41			
He ſhall receive our Meſſengers reward.				
That cup of water which is given ſo,	42			
Shall with eternal bleſſings overflow.				
So the Apoſtles went and preach'd about,	11 1	6 12	9 6	
Healing with oyl, and caſting Devils out.				
He (in their abſence) travel'd up and down,		13		
Preaching the word in Country and in Town.				
23. Now *Herod Antipas* (th' inceſt'ous beaſt)	14 6	21		
Invited all his Gallants to a feaſt.				
And as the Daughter of *Herodias*		22		
(In dancing) hugely pleaſed *Antipas*,				
He ſwore he'ld grant (that very day of 's birth)	7	23		
What e're ſhe askt, to half the Kingdoms worth.				
She askt her Mother, what ſhe ſhould demand;		24		
And this her wicked anſwer was at hand;				
In thy demands (my Daughter) be no larger	8			
Than *John* the Baptiſts head within a charger.				
So in ſhe comes: My Lord (ſaid ſhe) I wiſh		25		
The head of *John* the Baptiſt in a diſh.				
The King was very loth (at firſt) to grant it;	9	26		
But for the ſake of 's oath ſhe did not want it.				
For ſtraight he ſent an Executioner,	10	27		
To fetch his head [and tongue] to humour her.				
The maid received it, and carry'd forth	11	28		
T'her Mother more than all the kingdoms worth.				
When his Diſciples heard of this diſaſter,	12	29		
They came and decently enterr'd their Maſter.				
24 And Jeſus' fame was now ſo much diſplay'd,	1	14	7	
That *Herods* conſcience made him ſore afraid.				
'Tis not (ſaid he) *Elias*, talk not of it;	2	15	8	
Nor yet the ſoul of any other Prophet;				
But He whoſe head was given for a Ball:		16	9	
His works will make my crime prove Capital.				
25. Then came the Twelve, relating how they taught;		30	10	
And alſo all the miracles they wrought.				
John's dead (ſaid he:) we'll ſtep aſide a while	13	31		
(And leave this croud) ſome half a dozen mile.		32		
(For now the train of people was ſo great,		33		
They could not gain ſo much as time to eat.)				

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1 And having coasted to *Bethsaida* Downs,
He met a multitude from sev'ral towns:
2 Which (knowing of his going) ran before,
And waited there his coming to the shore.
And Jesus pity'd them, because they were
Like straying sheep without a Pastours care:
3 And with spirit'al food began to feed them;
Bestowing cures, as ev'ry one did need them.
And tow'rd the ev'ning his Disciples come
Desiring him to send the people home.
For here (said they) there's nothing to be had;
And they have no provision (good or bad.)
5 *Phil'ip* (said he, to prove him) where's the meat,
6 Which these my Auditours should have to eat?
7 Five pound (said *Philip*) will not buy them bread;
For ev'ry one to put a bit in's head.
8 What have ye here (said Jesus)? One reply'd,
9 Five barly loaves, two little fish beside.
10 Make them (said he) sit down in equal ranks:
And so they did. Then Jesus (giving thanks)
11 Breaks to's Disciples first, and them he wishes
For to distribute both the bread and fishes.
So the Disciples did, as Jesus will'd:
12 And all the people ate, and all were fill'd.
Let nought (said he) be lost; first let them sup,
Then look and gather all the fragments up.
13 Which being done, of broken bread and meat
They had a dozen basket-full compleat.
When there had been five thousand men (beside
Women and Children) fully satisfy'd.
14 26. And they were so transported with the thing;
They call'd him Christ, & would have made him King.
But bidding his Disciples put to Sea,
15 He left the company, and went to pray.
And in the mountain he was left behind,
16 While they were struggling with the tide and wind.
17 But having row'd about a league, they spy'd
18 Almighty Jesus walking by their side.
19 And they cry'd out, supposing 'twas a sprite:
(For now 'twas past the middle of the night.)
20 But Jesus let them hear his voice, and said,
Cheer up, 'tis I, ye need not be dismay'd.
And *Simon Peter* answer'd, If 'tis thou,
Then call me to thee on the water now.

Well,

	Mat.	Mar.	Luk.	Joh.
Well, come (ſaid he.) And *Peter* walked well,	14 29			
Till's faith (by ſtorms and winds ariſing) fell.	30			
That ſinking, he ſank too; and ſore afraid				
Cry'd out amain to Jeſus for his aid.				
Who did indeed (with's helping hand) protect him;	31			
But for his unbelief he ſoundly checkt him.				
And they perceiving that it was the Lord,				6 21
With all their heart received him on board.				
When He came up, they had a calm; and found	32	6 51		
Themſelves arrived, whither they were bound.				
Then their aſtoniſhment was wonderful;		52		
(For they forgot the loaves, they were ſo dull.)				
And falling down before his feet, they cry,	33			
Thou art indeed the Son of God moſt high.				
No ſooner could their feet on ground be ſet,	34	53		
But known it was through all *Genneſaret*:	35	54		
And notice given unto all diſeaſed;	36	55		
Who touching but his cloaths, were all releaſed.		56		
27. Now thoſe five thouſand tarry'd yonder ſtill,				22
And thought next day to have him on the hill:				23
But then perceiving Jeſus had forſook 'em,				24
They came to *Capernaum* for to look him.				
Rabbi (ſaid they) which way didſt thou come hither?				25
(Knowing there was no boat to bring him thither.)				
Indeed (ſaid He) 'tis for the food ye got,				26
But for the miracle ye ſeek me not.				
Feed rather, that ye may for ever live:				27
Such food can I (by my Commiſſion) give.				
And what's requir'd of us (ſaid they again)				28
That ſo we may that other food obtain?				
Your duty is (ſaid Jeſus) now to yield				29
Aſſent to Him whom God hath ſent and ſeal'd.				
What we beheld (ſaid they) that's not enough;				30
We cannot yield without a greater proof.				
Our Fathers fed (as by the Word appears)				31
On *Moſes'* bread from Heaven fourty years.				
From God (ſaid he) not *Moſes*, came that fare;				32
Nor from the higheſt Heavens, but the air.				
This is true bread, that comes from Heav'n indeed;				33
And gives true life to all that truly feed.				
But ſtill he carnally was underſtood:				34
Feed us (ſaid they) with this tranſcendent food.				
I am (ſaid he) this bread of life; and he				35
Shall never hunger more, that feeds on me.				

Pſ. 78. 24.

6 36 But I, my words, and works are all rejected,
By all that are not thereunto elected,
37 All that the Father gives me, shall believe:
And all that come, I readily receive.
38 For I came down from Heaven, but to do
His will that sent me hither unto You.
39 His will it is, that I should save all those
Whom He hath given me, and nothing lose:
40 That I should life and Resurrection give
To all that see me, know me, and believe.
41 This man from Heav'n! said they to one another:
42 Did we not know his Father and his Mother?
43 Leave murmuring, said Christ. None come to me,
Except the Father draw them graciously.
44 By him alone to me they must be brought:
45 As *Esay* writes, Of God they shall be taught.
46 Not that the Father can be seen apart,
But by the Son, who fully knows his heart.
47 They that believe on me, shall live for ever
48 I am that bread of life, that faileth never.
49 Manna preserved not alive the eaters:
50 This bread will free from Deaths enslaving fetters.
51 This bread's my flesh, my world-redeeming flesh;
Celestial bread, which doth the soul refresh.
52 How can this man (thought they) bestow his flesh,
To feed our bodies, or our souls refresh?
53 Except (said he) by faith ye feed upon
My very flesh and blood, y' are dead and gone.
54 But he that does do so, shall live for aye;
And I will raise him at the latter day.
55 For unto all that know but how to feed,
My flesh and blood are meat and drink indeed.
56 They that do so, abide and live in me;
57 And I in them to all eternity.
58 For so are they with me incorporated,
As I am one with Him that all created.
59 This coming down from God, and bloody feast
Many disciples could not well digest.
60 (For in the Synagogue 'twas all declar'd,
And therefore both by one and other heard.)
61 I know your murmuring, said he. Doth this
Within you raise so great a prejudice?
62 What if ye should the Son of man behold
Ascending thither where he was of old?

Is 54. 13.

	Mat.	Mar.	Luk.	Joh.
I am not to be underſtood ſo groſly:	6 63			
I ſpeak of feeding and of food more ghoſtly.				
But ſome of you believe not; I foreſaw them:	64			
None come to me, except the Father draw them.	65			
At that ſame word (becauſe he touch'd the ſore.)	66			
Many drew back, and follow'd him no more.				
Will ye go too (ſaid Jeſus to the Twelve)	67			
Will ye go too, and leave me to my ſelf?				
To whom (ſaid *Simon Peter*) ſhould we go?	68			
What other can eternal life beſtow?				
We know and are perſwaded ev'ry one,	69			
That Thou art God Almighty's only Son.				
How, ev'ry one? ſaid he. But twelve are choſen;	70			
And yet there is a Devil in the dozen.				
Judas Iſcariot was meant by Chriſt;	71			
Him avarice to treachery entic'd.				

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NExt Passover He staid not long in Jury,
But shun'd at home their more enraged fury.
And from *Jerusalem* to *Galilee*,
There followed him both Scribe and Pharisee:
Who took occasion, and with Jesus clash'd,
Because his servants ate before they wash'd,
(For all the Jews do wash them very much:
Their vict'als otherwise they will not touch.
So after marketing: and many more
Traditions of the Elders they adore.*)*
Wherefore (said they) do thy Disciples thus
Transgress traditions that are given us?
Ye hypocrites *(*said Jesus*)* very well
Isaiah did concerning you foretel,
This people draweth nigh me with their mouth,
Their heart's as far, as is the *North* from *South*.
In vain they worship me, while thus they swerve
From my Commands, and mans commands observe.
The Law's transgrest by this your superstition:
The Law's betray'd by Presbyter-tradition.
God would have Parents honoured and owned;
And he that curseth either, should be stoned:
If now a man devote his wealth, he's freed
From succouring his Parents in their need.
[And ye account a curse as good as none,
Except it be by Tetragrammaton.]
Hearken (said he to those that stood about him)
Man is defil'd by nothing from without him:
Things from within do really pollute.
You that have ears to hear, give ear unto't.
When Jesus was again retired in,
Then his Disciples come and thus begin;
Dost thou not understand, how greatly thou
Didst scandalize the Pharisees but now?
My Fathers plants *(*said he*)* shall thrive and grow,
But others must expect a fatal blow.
Let them alone, blind leaders of the blind;
Both one and th' other for the pit design'd.

Isa. 29. 13.

Ex. 21. 17.

Explain

	Mat.	Mar.	Luk.	Joh.
Explain it unto us (ſaid *Peter* then)	15 15	7 18		
Are you (ſaid He) as yet ſuch ſilly men?	16	19		
Do'n't all ye eat paſs through you to the draught?	17	20		
But from the heart comes ev'ry evil thought,	18	21		
And word, and work. Now theſe the ſoul pollute:	19	22		
To eat with hands unwaſht can never do't.	20	23		
2. From thence departing, Jeſus did arrive at	21	24		
The coaſt of *Tyre*; but could not long be private.				
Thither a woman hearing of his fame	22	25		
(Being a *Greek-Syrophenician*) came,				
And very earneſtly ſhe did requeſt		26		
To have her Daughters Devil diſpoſſeſt.				
He held his peace: then ſaid th' Apoſtles, Sir,	23			
This woman troubles us, pray anſwer her.				
I am to feed poor *Iſraels* ſheep (ſaid he)	24			
I am not ſent [as yet] to ſuch as ſhe.				
Lord help me (then ſaid ſhe upon her knees)	25			
My Daughter grievouſly tormented is.				
The Children muſt be ſerv'd (ſaid he) I can n't	26	27		
Throw bread to dogs, and let the children want.				
Truth Lord (ſaid ſhe) but yet the dogs may eat	27	28		
The ſcatter'd crumbs of either bread or meat.				
Woman (ſaid he) thy faith is great; receive,	28	29		
As thou deſireſt, as thou doſt believe.				
So home ſhe went, and found her diſpoſſeſt		30		
And laid upon the bed to take her reſt.				
3. Thence through *Decapolis* he paſt; and there		31		
They brought him one could neither ſpeak nor hear.				
His healing hands they prayd him to impoſe:		32		
(Which ceremony Chriſt had often choſe.)				
Then (going aſide) he touch'd his tongue with ſpittle,		33		
And put his fingers in his ears a little.				
Then looking up to heav'n, he ſigh'd, and ſed,		34		
In *Syriak*, *Ethphathah* (be opened.)				
The man both heard and ſpake: and Jeſus charged		35		
They ſhould not let the rumour be enlarged.				
But they ſo much the more the matter blazed:		36		
As being out of meaſure all amazed.				
His works (ſaid they) are very good ('tis clear)		37		
He makes the dumb to ſpeak, the deaf to hear.				
4. And being returned into *Galilee*,	29			
He ſate upon a mountain near the ſea:				
Where at his feet were divers caſt diſeaſed;	30			
And (to the peoples wonder) all were eaſed.				

15 31 To see them walk and speak and see so well,
They glorify'd the God of *Israël*.
32 8 1 And having tarry'd there about three daies,
Then calling his Apostles, thus he saies;
2 I pitty this great multitude, whose vict'l
Is brought (by this) to none, or very little.
3 I'm loth to send them thus away, lest some
Should faint away, before they reach their home.
33 4 How in this wilderness can we supply
With bread (said they) so great a company?
34 5 What loaves are here? said He. And when they knew,
They told him seav'n, and little fish a few.
35 6 Let them sit down (said Jesus) on the banks.
They did. And Jesus (having given thanks)
36 7 First breaks, and gives th' Apostles, whom he wishes
So to deliver out the bread and fishes.
37 8 Which those Disciples did, as Jesus will'd:
And all the people ate, and all were fill'd.
38 9 And the remains of what was blest by him,
Fill'd seaven baskets to the very brim.
Children and women having fed, beside
Four thousand men compleatly satisfi'd.
39 10 5. From thence he sailed tow'rd *Megiddo*; whither
Came Pharisees and Sadduces together,
16 1 11 Puft up with wrangling superstitious leaven,
And fain would have him shew a sign from Heaven.
2 12 54 Ye hypocrites (said he) ye weather-wise
55 Prognosticatours of the various skies!
The ev'ning's red (say you) the morning's gray;
56 Most hopeful tokens of a pleasant day!
3 57 And can ye not discern that I am He,
By all the certain signs ye hear and see?
4 12 This spurious brood shall never have a bigger,
Than what the Prophet *Jonas* did prefigure.
5 13 6. So leaving them, he sailed back agen.
6 14 Beware (said he to his Disciples then)
Beware o'th' leaven of the Pharisees,
And of the sly *Herodian* Sadduces.
7 15 They thought he meant, At table do n't partake
With such as they, whatever shift ye make.
8 16 For they forgot to carry bread enough,
And had in all the Vessel but a loaf.
9 17 Why reason ye (said he) about your vict'l?
18 What! is your faith, or is your sense so little?

Have

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Have ye forgot already how I fed	16 10	8 19		
So many thouſand with ſo little bread,	11	20		
And ſo much left? So then they underſtood,	12	21		
How that he ſpake of Doctrine, not of food.				
7. A blind man (at *Bethſaida*) then was brought him:		22		
To lay his hands upon him they beſought him.				
And leading him without the town, he wett		23		
His eyes with ſpittle, ſaying, ſee'ſt thou yet?				
Some men I ſee (ſaid he) but I ſhould doubt		24		
They were but trees, but that they walk about.				
Then Jeſus, having ſtrok'd his eyes again,		25		
Bad him look up; and then he ſaw moſt plain.				
Go to the place (ſaid Jeſus) where you dwell;		26		
Go not to th' Town, nor any Towns-man tell.				
8. Then (by *Cæſaria Philippi*) He	13	27	9 18	
Demanded, whom men reckon'd him to be.				
They anſwer'd, ſome ſay *John*, and ſome *Elias*,	14	28	19	
And ſome (again) ark-hiding *Jeremias*,				
Or one of th' antient Prophets. But (ſaid he)	15	29	20	
What's your opinion now concerning me?				
Thou art (ſaid *Simon Peter* for the reſt)	16			
The Chriſt, the Son of God for ever bleſt.				
Simon (ſaid he) thou 'rt happy; for to thee	17			
My Father hath reveal'd this myſtery.				
Peter thou art a ſolid corner-ſtone,	18			
For me to rear my future Church upon,				
Next unto me, ſhall ye ſo ſtrongly arm it,				
That helliſh force, and fraud ſhall never harm it.				
Whatever you my ſtewards here ſhall do,	19			
The ſame is ratih'd in Heaven too.				
But publiſh yet to no man, what I am:	20	30	21	
[Leſt it obſtruct the end for which I cam'.]				
For ſuffer at *Jeruſalem* I muſt,	21	31	22	
And leave (within three dayes) my fun'ral-duſt.				
Nay, ſave thy ſelf from bitter death (ſaid *Peter*)	22	32		
For life is certainly a great deal ſweeter.				
Get thee behind my back (ſaid Jeſus then)	23	33		
Thou adverſary both to God and men:				
For to my ſight thou art a ſore offence,				
Becauſe thou judgeſt all by humane ſenſe.				
'Tis for the life of men: and ſo all they	24	34	23	
That follow me, muſt follow me this way.				
Chuſe life, you'l ſee 'tis only death ye chuſe:	25	35	24	
Loſe life for me, your life ye ſhall not loſe.				

Rev. 21. 19. Joh. 20. 21. 1 Cor. 2. 8.

Eph. 2. 20. Iſ. 22. 22.

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Ex. 30. 12, 13.

11. Privately thence (when great astonishment
Had fill'd that place) through *Galilee* he went,
Tow'rd *Capernaum*; telling them again,
How He (the Lords Anointed) must be slain:
And how his own Divinity would raise
His body from the grave within three daies.
And though in pensive doubts they were involved,
They durst not speak it out, to be resolved.
12. At *Capernaum Peter* was demanded,
Whether his Master paid (as all the Land did)
The [Temple-] tax. Yes sure (said he) I'll ask.
But Christ spake first, and eas'd him of that task.
Simon (said Jesus) whom do Kings compel
To pay them tribute, Sons or Strangers? tell.
Strangers (I think) said *Peter*. Then (said He)
I am the [Great] Kings Son, and so am free.
But, no offence: go cast a hook i'th' water;
A fish from thence shall mouthe a half-crown-stater.
Give the Receivers that for me and thee:
[My power must supply my poverty.]
13. Then calling his Disciples he would know,
What by the way they argu'd *Con* and *Pro*.
At first they were asham'd to let him hear,
How selfish and ambitious they were:
At last they state the Question thus; When Christ
Is once enthron'd, who shall of us be high'st?
The highest honour is confer'd (said he)
On him that hath the most humility.
See but this lively Emblem of a Child:
Except ye be so humble and so mild,
And turn with sorrow from your proud ambition,
You are in no Christ-kingdom-like condition.
Resemble these; and he that harbours you,
Both harbours me and him that sent me too. —
Here he was interrupted now by *John*:
We saw a man (said he) not long agone
Cast Devils out in Jesus' Name, and we
Forbad him, 'cause he doth not follow thee.
No man can easily (said Jesus) carry
Ny name, and yet be thought an adversary.
If neither words nor works against us be,
Forbid him not; he's not an enemy.
Then went he on. — Whoso in that regard
Shall give you drink, shall have a great reward.

But

	Mat.	Mar.	Luk.	Joh.
But whoſoever ſhall offend or wrong	18 6	9 42		
The beſt of theſe that unto me belong,				
Had better have a mil-ſtone to him bound,			17 1	
And in the deepeſt of the Sea be drown'd.				
Scandals will be: but wo to him by whom	7		2	
Scandals (in doctrine or example) come.				
Right hands and feet and eyes and all condemn,	8	43		
Rather than give the leaſt offence by them.	9			
Better come lame, and ſing ith' winged Quire,				
Than alwaies flame, and yell in hell entire.				
There lives remorſe, there men are alway dying:		44		
There fiery ſalt preſerves from putrifying.		45		
Which to avoid, the word and ſpirit muſt		46		
Now purge and purifie from ev'ry luſt.		47		
Salt's good; but when the acrimony's gone,		48	14 34	
'Tis hardly good enough to tread upon.		49	35	
So 'tis with you: be ſavoury, be wiſe;		50		
And do n't ye peck out one anothers eyes.				
The Angel of the pooreſt Saint beholds	10			
The face of Him who all the world controlls:				
[Who gives his Angels charge to ſuccour thoſe				
That are oppreſſed, and ſuppreſs their foes.]				
I came to ſeek and in the way to guide	11			
Thoſe wandring ſheep that long have gone aſide.				
One in a hundred being loſt and found	12			
Creates more joy than all the ſafe and ſound.	13			
So 'tis our Fathers will, that we ſhould cheriſh	14			
The weakeſt in the flock, that none may periſh.				
But if thou ſeeſt thy Brother in tranſgreſſion,	15		17 3	
Reclaim him by a private admonition.				
If he perſiſt, take one or two beſide:	16			
If ſtill, then let the Church be certifi'd.				
And if he will not hear the Churches ſenſe,	17			
Let him be excommunicated thence.				
Say what they ſhall, or what they ſhall not do;	18			
That ſhall be loos'd or bound in heaven too.				
I make you ſtewards by this gift of mine				
The keys of Doctrine and of Diſcipline				
Agree and pray; my Father will agree	19			
To anſwer thoſe demands of two or three:				
Where e're they meet according to my will	20			
And in my Name, there I am with them ſtill.				
How oft at faults (ſaid *Peter*) muſt I wink?	21			4
To pardon ſeaven is enough I think.				

Lev. 2. 13.

Rev. 3. 7.
Iſ. 22. 22.

Seaven!

Seaven! (said he) yea seaventy times by seaven
He that repenteth is to be forgiven.
A Monarch call'd his servants to account:
The debts of one t' a million did amount:
And when he could not pay, He gave command,
To seize upon his body, house, and land.
But humbling of himself he 'scap'd: and met
A fellow-servant owing him a debt
Of fifty shillings; took him by the throat,
Exacting present payment to a groat.
Having it not, he threw him into jail:
His humbling of himself could nought prevail.
The other servants seeing this disaster,
Were sorry for't, and went and told their Master:
Who sending for him ratled him for's pains;
And resecur'd him in his former chains.
So likewise shall my heav'nly Father do,
If ye forgive not those that injure you.
Th' Apostles [thinking they were overcharged]
Desired that their faith might be enlarged.
True faith (said he) but like a mustard-grain
Would plant these Sycomores within the main.
But as a servant sits not down to meat,
When just his work is done (though ne're so great)
Till first he serve his Master, who (I wis)
Is not beholden to his man for this:
So when y' have done whatever God commands,
Know that ye merit nothing at his hands.
14. The feast of Tabernacles being at hand,
His Brethren (who believed not) demand,
Whether he would not let his works appear
In *Jury*, to his new disciples there.
There's none (say they) who fame and honour drive an
Affect (like thee) to be so very private.
You may (said he) go when you will; but I
Expose my self not yet so publickly.
You're safe enough, because you are belov'd:
Me the world hates, because by me reprov'd.
15. When they were gone, then Jesus follow'd them
(But privately) towards *Jerusalem*.
(This happen'd out, before he suffer'd there,
But very little more than half a year.)
And passing through *Samaria*, in his name
Some went to get things ready e're he came.

Levit. 23. 34.

But

But the firſt town refus'd to harbour them, Luk. 9 53
Becauſe they worſhipd at *Jeruſalem*.
Then *John* and *James* would fain have called down 54
Elijahs flames, to burn the ſpiteful town.
But turning back He ſharply did reprove them, 55
Becauſe a ſpirit of revenge did move them.
I came to ſave (ſaid he) and no: to ſlay 56
So tow'rd another town they went their way.
16. One Scribe his ſervice freely did preſent, Mat. 8 19 57
And ſaid he'ld follow him, where e'er he went.
[Wilt thou indeed (ſaid *Jeſus*) follow me? 20 58
Conſider firſt my great neceſſity.]
Foxes have holes, and ev'ry bird a neſt:
I have not whereupon to take my reſt.
He calld another, who reply'd, I crave 21 59
But leave to ſee my Father firſt in's grave.
Men dead in treſpaſſes and ſins (ſaid He) 22 60
May bury carcaſſes; come follow me.
Another askt his leave to go firſt home 61
And bid them there farewel, and then he'ld come.
Balk that (ſaid *Chriſt*) your plow will run awry, 62
If back you look at ev'ry thing you ſpy.
17. Here He choſe ſeaventy Diſciples, whom 1
He ſent by twos, where he himſelf ſhould come.
[Such were their Orders, as were iſſu'd out
To th' other twelve, when they were ſent about.]
The crop is great (ſaid He) and 'tis as true, 2
That faithful, skilful workmen are as few.
But pray to *God* that he would ſend abroad
Labourers void of folly and of fraud.
Like Lambs among the greedy Wolves I ſend you: 3
Go, let your prudent innocence defend you.
Go as you are: let not your work be hindred 4
By viſiting acquaintance or your kindred.
Whatever houſe ye enter, wiſh it peace; 5
Wiſh that proſperity may there encreaſe.
If it deſerveth peace, peace ſhall remain: 6
If not, it ſhall return to you again.
Go not from houſe to houſe: ſtay, drink and eat 7
Such as they give; your work is worthy your meat. 8
Heall all diſtempers that ye light upon: 9
And tell them that *Chriſts* Kingdom is b gun.
If any town your words or you diſguſt; 10
Witneſs againſt them, ſhaking off their duſt 11

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2 *King.* 4. 29.

10 12 And in the Judgment-day shall they have sorrow
Exceeding that of *Sodom* and *Gomorrah*.
13 Wo to *Chorazin*, to *Bethsaida* wo!
For *Tyre* and *Sidon* would have long ago
Themselves in sack-cloath humbled, had they been
Spectators of the things which ye have seen.
14 I tell you therefore, in the judgment-day
A greater doom shall you receive than they.
15 In wonders *Capernaum* doth excell:
Neglect of them will thrust her down to hell.
16 He that receiveth, or despiseth you,
Doth so to me, and him that sent me too.
11 18. Now at the feast the Jews were very busy
Enquiring after him, and said, Where is he?
12 Their murmuring concerning him was great:
Some call'd him an Impostour and a cheat;
13 He's honest (others said) that's out of doubt,
But (for the Jews) they durst not speak it out.
14 About the middle of the feast he went
And taught at Church, to their astonishment.
15 Where had he this? (said they) 'tis known to all,
His education hath been rustical.
16 Jesus reply'd, This is not mine, but rather
Communicated to me of my father.
17 If any man will do his will, he'l know,
If this my Doctrine be of God or no.
18 His Glory 'tis, the which I aim at still;
And therefore 'tis according to his will.
19 The Law is not by one of you fulfill'd:
Why therefore do ye seek to have me kill'd?
20 Who seeks to have thee kill'd? thou 'rt mad (said they.)
But he went on with what he had to say.
21 Well may you my [*Bethesda*] work admire:
But must it also thus provoke your ire?
22 Your circumcising [and chyrurg'ry] is
A far more servile kind of work than this.
23 Now if the Sabbath yield to *Moses* (though
That Law's a great deal antienter than so)
Why then should I be blam'd for making whole
(With but a word) his body and his soul?
24 Judge right'ous judgement, both the deeds compare.
And you'l be then less partial than you are.
25 Then some o'th' Towns-men said, Is this not he
They seek to kill, that speaks thus openly

Deut. 18. 18. *Joh.* 7. 16. *Gen.* 2. 14. *Lev.* 12. 3.

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And uncontroll'd? Or do the Rulers know,				7 26
That he's indeed the Chriſt? that cann't be ſo.				
For we know whence He cometh, and of whom:				27
But who can tell from whence the Chriſt ſhall come?		*Iſ.* 53 8. *Heb* 7.3.		
Jeſus reply'd, Ye know me and my home;				28
Although ye know not Him from whence I come.				
But I both know him, and of Him am known;				29
For I and He that ſent me are but one.				30
Then many men believ'd, and ſaid, they thought				31
More miracles by Chriſt could ne're be wrought.				
Which greatly did enrage the *Sanhedrim*;				32
Who therefore ſent t' have apprehended him.				
Yet Heavens Council would not ſuffer it,				
Becauſe his time to ſuffer was not yet.				
Yet but a little while (ſaid he) and then				33
To him that ſent me I return agen.				
Then ye may ſeek me, but ſhall never find me,				34
For I ſhall go, and leave you all behind me.				
Then ſaid the Jews, How ſtrangely this man ſpeaks!				35
Will he go teach the ſcatter'd heathen Greeks?				
Where can he go, that we ſhall never find him?				36
Where can he go, and leave us all behind him?		*Lev.* 23. 36. 44.3.		
19. Now on the eighth and greateſt day [when water				37
Was poured ſolemnly upon the altar]				
Then Jeſus cry'd, All ye that are a dry,				
Come unto me, your thirſt to ſatisfy.		*Iſ.* 55 1.		
From thoſe that truſt in me (as all may read)				38
Rivers of living water ſhall proceed.				
He meant th' Effuſion of the Holy Ghoſt,	*Joel* 2 28. *Deut* 18.18.			39
From him (their Crowned Head) at Pentecoſt.				
And many now conſid'ring how he taught,				40
Confeſt he was that Prophet, as they thought.				
Some ſaid, This is the Chriſt: but other ſome,				41
Chriſt muſt of *David* and from *Bethl'm* come.				42
Thus they contend; ſome ſtriving to defend him,				43
While others would (but cou'd not) apprehend him.				44
The Serjeants being by the *Sanhedrim*				45
Demanded why they had not taken him,				
Reply'd, like him we never heard one ſpeak.				46
Are you deceiv'd (ſaid they) are you ſo weak?				47
Which of the Grands believe him to be true?				48
None but an ignorant and curſed crew.				49
But whom (ſaid *Nicodemus*, one of them)				50
Whom doth our Law (before he's heard) condemn?				51

S 52 Art thou (said they) a *Galilean?* see,
No Prophet riseth out of *Galilee.*
53 And when some time in this debate was spent,
They 'rose and to their sev'ral houses went.
1 20. *Jesus* retir'd to Olive-hill that night;
2 But came again so soon as e'er 'twas light:
And in the Temple taking up his seat,
He fed the people with spiritual meat.
3 Then by the Scribes and Pharisees was brought
A woman in the act of lewdness caught.
4 Master (said they) the Law commandeth us
To stone to death all women taken thus:
5 But what sai'st thou? (to see if he 'ld entrench
On *Moses*, or on their Judici'al Bench.)
6 He stooping down spoild that dilemma-plot,
Wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.
7 And when they urg'd him, he reply'd, begin
To stone the woman, you that have no sin.
8 Again he stoopd and wrote upon the ground,
Till not a man remained to be found.
9 A guilty conscience scar'd them ev'ry one,
And made them leave the *Lord* and her alone.
10 But where (said He) be thine accusers, woman?
11 Hath no man judged thee? She answer'd, no man.
Neither do I; but yet thou must turn o're
Another leaf (said He) and sin no more.
12 21. The same bright morning *Jesus* did profess
Himself to be the Sun of Righte'ousness.
I am (said he) the Light o'th' world: I shine
With ever-living light upon all mine.
13 This record of thy self (said they) is false:
False he must be, whoe'er himself exalts.
14 I know (said he) my record to be true:
Though my Origina.'s unknown to you.
15 You judge according to the flesh, I know:
But I judge no man [or at-least not so.]
16 Yet if I did; my judgment would be true;
For He that sent me and my self are two:
17 And that's allow'd by Law. My Fathers word
18 With this my testimony doth accord.
19 Where is He? said the Jews. Why, Him (said he)
Ye do not know, because ye know not me.
20 These things he publish'd in the Treasury:
Still Providence maintain'd his liberty.)

Lev. 20. 10. *Deut.* 22. 23. *Jer.* 17. 13. *Deut.* 17. 7. *Deut.* 17. 6.

I go

I go (ſaid he) where you ſhall never find me : 21
Die in your ſins: I leave you all behind me.
What, will he kill himſelf (ſaid they) t'avoid 22
His being by our Governours deſtroy'd?
I go (ſaid he) from whence I came at firſt : 23
As you to th' earth, whereof y'are born and nurſt.
And (as I ſaid but now) ly down ye muſt 24
In all your ſins, without believing firſt.
Who art thou that we may believe? ſaid they. 25
What firſt I ſaid (ſaid he) the ſame I ſay.
Much more I have to ſay concerning you : 26
And he that gave me my Commiſſion's true.
Ye do not know of whom I ſpeak as yet : 27
But when y'have ſlain me, you 'l remember it.
And then ye ſhall acknowledge that I came 28
Not in my own, but in my Fathers Name :
Who never leaves me, but is with me ſtill ; 29
Becauſe I take delight to do his will.
Which words with ſuch an efficacy came, 30
Many profeſt their faith upon his Name.
To whom he ſaid, And if ye thus continue, 31
A true Diſcipleſhip is rooted in you.
Ye ſhall both know the Truth, and alſo ſee, 32
The Truth it ſelf ſhall make you truly free.
Free! (ſaid the other) we are ſlaves to no man. 33
[Forgetting their ſubjection to the Roman.]
Yes, you are ſlaves to ſin (ſaid he) and muſt 34
Out of Gods family (e'er long) be thruſt ; 35
Where I am ever : if ye were but freed 36
By me the Son and Heir, you're free indeed.
Your birth-right will but little good afford, 37
Which thus ye hate my Perſon and my word ;
Yet not my own, but great Jehovahs rather : 38
As ye likewiſe do imitate your Father.
You ſay y'are *Abrams* Sons ; but were it true, 39
The works that *Abram* did, would come from you.
For *Abram* never would have ſought to kill 40
A man that ſpeaks the God of *Abrams* will.
In vain ye cry, The Temple of the Lord, 41
And call your ſelves his Sons, while I'm abhord.
If He your Father were, then would ye love 42
Whom He hath ſent amongſt you from above.
No wonder that ye cannot underſtand, 43
While paſſion thus and malice do command.

8 44 The Devil is your Father and Commander;
Ye follow him in murder, lying, ſlander.
45 What is my crime? Why am I not receiv'd?
46 Becauſe I ſpeak the truth, I'm not believ'd.
47 Heinous perverſeneſs! but the reaſon is,
God is not yours and you are none of his.
48 Say we not well (ſaid they) Thou art an evil
Samaritan poſſeſſed with a Devil?
49 Not ſo (ſaid Chriſt) I honour God: and ye
(By that reproach) do much d ſhonour me.
50 I ſeek my ſelf in nothing that I ſay:
God will avenge himſelf another day.
51 —My word (I ſay) ſhall make my ſervants free;
So free that they no death ſhall ever ſee.
52 Nay now (ſaid they) we know thou 'rt clearly mad:
Such priviledge great *Abram* never had.
53 And if the greateſt Prophets were not free,
Whom doſt thou proudly make thy ſelf to be?
54 My ſelf (ſaid he) I honour not, but He
Whom you do call your God, he honours me.
55 You but pretend to know him, though I do:
Elſe I ſhould be a lyar, like to you.
56 I do both know him, and do him obey.
Your Father *Abram* joy'd to ſee my day.
57 Thou 'rt young (ſaid they) haſt thou ſeen *Abraham*
Yea long (ſaid he) e're *Abram* was, I am.
58 Then they'ld have ſton'd him for his blaſphemy:
59 But through them all he paſt inviſibly.
1 22. And as he went along, he ſaw a man
Who never ſaw, ſince firſt his life began.
2 Was this mans ſin the cauſe of this (ſaid ſome)
Or did that blindneſs from his parents come?
3 Neither from him nor them (ſaid he) but God,
To ſpread his glorious power all abroad.
4 And I muſt work the works of him that ſent me,
Before th' approaching night of death prevent me.
5 And by reſtoring of corpor'al ſight,
Shew that I am the worlds ſpirit'al light.
6 Then ſpitting on the ground he made a c'ay,
'Nointed his eyes, and ſent the man away.
7 Go waſh thy face in *Siloam* (ſaid he:)
8 He went and waſh'd, and very well could ſee.
9 The people wonder'd (which before did know him)
10 To ſee his ſight ſo ſoon reſtored to him.

Gen. 18.

Pſ. 86. 9. Rev. 4. 10.

Num. 12. 15.

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And when they ask'd, he told them how 'twas done:
But could not tell them whither Chriſt was gone.
Then to the Council led they him away:
Becauſe 'twas done upon the Sabbath day.
And being there examin'd, he declar'd,
Who 'nointed him with clay, and how he far'd.
He breaks the Sabbath (ſaid the Phariſees:)
Some ſaid, Can ſinners do ſuch things as theſe?
They askt the man, what he himſelf thought of it:
Why, certainly (ſaid he) the man's a Prophet.
But they would ſcarce believe he had been blind,
Till they had ſent to know his Parents mind.
Who came and ſaid, This is indeed our Son,
And eyes he had (when firſt he breathed) none.
He ſees at preſent, but we know not how:
Ask him; a tongue he hath, and years enow.
And this they left to be by him related,
For fear they ſhould be excommunicated.
For ſuch a puniſhment they had appointed
For all who ſaid that Jeſus was th' Anointed.
Then ſaid they to the man, give God the praiſe,
This Man prophanes the holy Sabbath daies.
That is a thing I cannot tell (ſaid he)
Once was I blind, and now (I'm ſure) I ſee.
But how? ſaid they: Come truly tell the ſtory,
And let the God of truth have all the glory.
Me thought (ſaid he) I told you very plain:
If you'ld be his Diſciples, hear't again.
How ſawcily (ſaid they) doſt thou oppoſe us!
Thou 'rt one of his, we all belong to *Moſes*.
Moſes (we know) ſpake with Him face to face:
But this man comes, we know not from what p'ace.
That's very ſtrange (ſaid he) you ſhould not tell
from whence he is, that made me ſee ſo well!
God hears not ſinners; but if any fear
And ſerve the Lord, ſuch men the Lord will hear.
Can you in any antick record find,
That ſight was given to a man born blind?
And were he not approv'd of God (I wiſs)
He could do no ſuch miracle as this.
Wilt thou teach us (ſaid they) who thus wert born?
And ſo they had him hurry'd out with ſcorn.
23. Then Jeſus ask'd him (finding him abroad)
If he believ'd upon the Son of God.

10 36 Who is it Sir (said he) that so I may?
37 'Tis I (said Christ) who cur'd thee th' other day.
38 Lord I believe, said he; and did adore him
(As God incarnate) falling down before him.
39 And Jesus said, For judgment am I come;
Some to enlighten, to occecate some:
That they who see their blindness, may have sight;
And they who think they see, be blinded quite.
40 With that the Pharisees (that stood behind)
Demanded whether they were also blind.
41 Were ye (said he) or fools or blind indeed,
Of much sin-guiltiness ye would be freed:
This self-conceitedness of your condition
Makes you despise the only Soul-Physician.
1 Blind leaders of the blind! yea thieves are they,
That clamber into th' fold in such a way.
2 The proper Shepherd enters at the door,
3 When open'd by the Porter; not before.
4 His sheep by name he can distinctly call:
Such is his care and knowledge of them all.
5 He leads them forth, and goes before them still;
Still they observe the conduct of his will.
6 His voyce they know; but they dis own the tongue
Of any stranger, that would lead them wrong.
7 When Jesus saw they thought his words but vain
And understood them not, he spake more plain.
8 I am the way to life, I am the door.
Which none but Robbers could pretend before.
9 Robbers they were, whom Providence did keep
From utterly seducing of my sheep.
10 They that come in by me, shun all disasters;
They come and go, and find refreshing pastures.
11 Thieves come to kill and steal; I come to save,
And that my sheep eternal life might have.
12 I am the faithful Shepherd: for their good
I shall not spare to spend my dearest blood.
13 The Hireling, when the wolf appears, is gone:
The flock go where it will, so he save one.
14 He flies, because the sheep are none of's own:
But I and mine are mutually known:
15 As we our selves are known (the Lord and I:)
So do I know the sheep, for whom I die.
16 (And sheep I have, not yet of this same fold:
But one shall both the Jew and Gentile hold.

Zach. 11. 15, 16.

Ezek. 34. 23.

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(As God incarnate) falling down before him.
39 And Jesus said, For judgment am I come;
Some to enlighten, to occecate some:
That they who see their blindness, may have sight;
And they who think they see, be blinded quite.
40 With that the Pharisees (that stood behind)
Demanded whether they were also blind.
41 Were ye (said he) or fools or blind indeed,
Of much sin-guiltiness ye would be freed:
This self-conceitedness of your condition
Makes you despise the only Soul-Physician.
1 Blind leaders of the blind! yea thieves are they,
That clamber into th' fold in such a way.
2 The proper Shepherd enters at the door,
3 When open'd by the Porter; not before.
4 His sheep by name he can distinctly call:
Such is his care and knowledge of them all.
5 He leads them forth, and goes before them still;
Still they observe the conduct of his will.
6 His voyce they know; but they dis own the tongue
Of any stranger, that would lead them wrong.
7 When Jesus saw they thought his words but vain
And understood them not, he spake more plain.
8 I am the way to life, I am the door.
Which none but Robbers could pretend before.
9 Robbers they were, whom Providence did keep
From utterly seducing of my sheep.
10 They that come in by me, shun all disasters;
They come and go, and find refreshing pastures.
11 Thieves come to kill and steal; I come to save,
And that my sheep eternal life might have.
12 I am the faithful Shepherd: for their good
I shall not spare to spend my deerest blood.
13 The Hireling, when the wolf appears, is gone:
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				After *Antiochus* his Prophanation,
				(Which *Maccabeus* caus'd them to remember
				About the midle of the month December)
			23	He walked in the place, whose shape and name
				From *Solomons* once-famous Cloister came.
			24	Then said the Jews (surrounding him about)
				Art thou the Christ? How long dost' make us doubt?
			25	I told you that (said he) but all in vain:
				My miracles have spoken very plain.
			26	But ye believe not (as ye have been told)
				Because ye are not of my chosen fold.
			27	I know my sheep; they hear and follow me:
			28	Them will I keep to all eternity.
			29	He gave me them, who all the world commands;
				And none can pluck them from my Fathers hands.
			30	So neither out of mine; for we are one:
				One is the being of Father and of Son.
			31	Then took the Jews up stones again, to stone him.
			32	And Jesus askt them, why they fell upon him
				With so much fury and ingratitude,
				For all the works of goodness he had shew'd.
			33	Goodness? said they; for blasphemy we stone thee:
				Dost' think that for a God we mean to own thee?
			34	Your Law (said Christ) which cannot be deny'd,
				Hath Magistrates and judges deify'd;
			35	As Representers of his Majesty,
				Whose Son ye falsely charge with blasphemy.
			36	Him hath the Father sanctify'd, and sent,
				To work these works to your astonishment.
			37	And if divine they are not, do n't receive me;
				But if they are, for them ye must believe me:
			38	That I am in the Father, and that He
				As well exists essentially in me.
			39	Then would they fain have taken him again,
				But their endeavours proved all but vain.
			40	From thence he went, where *John* at first baptized;
				And where his presence was more highly prized.
			41	For they that came to see him, said, Though *John*
				Shew'd not a miracle to any one;
			42	Yet all that *John* foretold of him, was true.
				And there he gain'd Disciples, not a few.
			23	32. Then was he askd by one [too curious]
				If they that should be sav'd, were numerous.

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97. 7. *Heb.* 1. 6.

Strive

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Strive you (ſaid he) to enter at the gate,			13 24	
Which many men will try, and find too ſtrait.				
When once the gate is ſhut, ye there may ſtand;			25	
The Maſter will admit you at no hand.				
In vain you 'l plead, With thee we drank and ate,			26	
We heard thee early and we heard thee late.				
I know you not (he 'l ſay) depart from me,			27	
Depart ye workers of iniquity.				
Go and ly down in your ſelf-kindled ſparks;			28	
Pine at the Crown of bleſſed Patriarks.				
Repine, to ſee the Heathens here in glory;			29	
Though aliens once, yet now prefer'd before y'.			30	
33. Then come the *Phariſees* to Chriſt, and will him			31	
Thence to depart, or *Herod* elſe would kill him.				
Go tell that *Fox* (ſaid he) my works muſt laſt,			32	
Until a litle longer time is paſt.				
Without *Jeruſalem* I cannot die:			33	
Only *Jeruſalem* can Prophets try.				
Alas *Jeruſalem*, *Jeruſalem*,	23 37		34	
That killeſt Prophets, and abuſeſt them!				
How often would my wings have ſhelter'd thee.	38			
How often hath thy pride rejected me?				
Now remain deſolate: ne'er ſee me more,	39		35	
Till ye pronounce me bleſſed, o're and o're.				
34. One Sabbath day a noted Phariſee		Mar. 11. 9, 10.	14 1	
At dinner did requeſt his company:				
Where he was narrowly obſerv'd by all,			2	
What he would do to one hydropical.				
Lawyers and Phariſees (ſaid Jeſus) may			3	
A man be cured on the Sabbath-day?				
And when he ſaw they knew not what to ſay;			4	
He took, and heald, and ſent the man away.				
Who hath a beaſt (ſaid Jeſus) in a pit,			5	
And will not (on this day) deliver it?				
But all the Phariſees and Lawyers ſat'			6	
Without returning any thing to that.				
Then he obſerv'd, and checkt them to their faces,			7	
For their aſpiring to the chiefeſt places.				
When thou art bidden to a feaſt (ſaid he)			8	
Be not ambitious of ſupremacy:				
Leaſt, when thy betters come, thou with diſgrace			9	
Be fore'd to ſhuffle to a worſer place.				
Firſt ſeat thy ſelf about the lower end,			10	
And ſo be made with honour to aſcend.				

14 11 Exalt thy ſelf, and thou 'lt be tumbled down:
Debaſe thy ſelf, thou 'lt ſurely gain renown.
12 And thou (mine Hoſt) whene'er thou makeſt feaſts,
Call not thy friends alone, and wealthy gueſts;
13 But thoſe that are in greateſt exigence,
Of whom thou canſt expect no recompence.
14 For thy reward Jehovah thou maiſt truſt,
Until the Reſurrection of the Juſt.
15 Happy (ſaid one that ſate and heard all this)
Happy is he that ſhall enjoy that bliſs.
16 A certain man (ſaid Jeſus) made a feaſt,
And (when 'twas ready) ſent for ev'ry gueſt.
17 But they had all ſome fine excuſe at hand.
One muſt go ſee a piece of new-bought land.
18 Another (by all means) muſt needs go try
Some Oxen which he did but lately buy.
19 A third had got a wedding-feaſt at home;
20 And he (for his part) could not, would not come:
21 At this affront the Man began to frown,
And ſent for all the beggars in the town.
22 And when he had received all the poor,
And ſaw that room was left for many more;
23 He ſent for all that ev'ry common field,
Frequented way, or [heathen-]hedge would yield.
Leave not (ſaid he) but preſs them, till ye gain
As many as my tables will contain.
24 And now becauſe my kindneſs is ſo ſlighted,
1 Give not a bit to thoſe that were invited.
35. Then Publicans and ſinners all drew near,
This gracious doctrine greedily to hear.
2 At which the Phariſees did murmur much,
That he ſhould ſo familiar be with ſuch.
3 Therefore to them he thus himſelf addreſt;
4 What man is of an hundred ſheep poſſeſt,
5 And will not leave the ninety nine behind him,
To look the One that's loſt, until he find him?
6 And then both he himſelf is glad thereat,
And calls his neighbours to congratulate.
7 So heav'n joys more atone new penitent,
Than ninety nine that need not ſo repent.
8 So the poor woman which but ten groats had,
9 Finding her loſt one, was exceeding glad.
10 So a new mirth among Gods Sons is bred,
At the new birth of one was loſt and dead.

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Once had a certain man two ſons in all,
Whereof the youngeſt was moſt prodigal.
This wanton youth to's Father came, and pray'd him
Forth with to let him have his portion paid him.
So he packt up: on travel he was bent;
Ranting about, till all he had was ſpent.
Then in that place aroſe a mighty famine,
Which made his caſe unlike to what he cam' in.
So poor he was, that glad was he to joyn
Himſelf to one that ſet him o're his ſwine.
He'ld fain have filld his belly with the ſtuffe
Which fed the Swine, but could not get enough.
Then coming to himſelf he ſaid, muſt I
Be ſtarv'd to death within a hungry ſtie;
When ſervants in my Fathers houſe good ſtore
Have Bread to eat, and can relieve the poor?
I'll go and tell my Father (on my knee)
Sir, I have ſin'd againſt both Heav'n and thee,
And am not worthy to be calld thy Son;
Only among thy ſervants make me one.
But e'er he could come near, his Father 'ſpy'd him,
Ran and embrac'd, and knew not how to chide him.
Then ſaid the Son (and fell upon his knee)
Sir, I have both offended Heav'n and thee;
I am not worthy to be calld thy Son:
Only among——Come, come (ſaid he) have done.
Ho! fetch me down the richeſt gown and ring;
Go, kill the half, and let us laugh and ſing:
Becauſe I ſee my Son both ſafe and ſound;
Once dead and loſt, but now alive and found.
Now when the elder Son came home, and heard
The muſick and the dancing, he was ſcar'd.
And having askt the cauſe of all that puther,
And found it was to welcome home his Brother,
He ſnuft and puft, and would not ſee his face;
Till's Father came t'expoſtulate the caſe.
Father (ſaid he) I never had a kid,
For all the faithful ſervice that I did:
And muſt the calf be killd and ate with Varlets,
That ſpend the half of thine Eſtate with Harlots?
Thou (ſaid his Father) always art with me,
And I have ſetled all I have on thee.
I muſt thy new-found Brother entertain;
For he was dead, and is alive again.

Luk. 16 1 36. Another time, He thought it not amiſs,
To utter ſuch a parable as this.
A certain Rich mans Steward was accus'd,
How that he had his Lords eſtate abus'd.
2 Then was he called to accompt, and told,
He ſhould his Stewardſhip no longer hold.
3 How ſhall my future life (thought he) be framed
I cannot dig, to beg I am aſhamed.
4 I am reſolved what to do, that ſo
I may (when turned out) know where to go.
5 And calling his Lords Debters all about him,
He told them how his Maſter meant to out him.
6 One ow'd an hundred baths of oyl: Be thrifty,
Come, take thy bill (ſaid he) and make it fifty.
7 Another ow'd about ten load of wheat:
Sit down (ſaid he) and quickly ſet down eight.
8 His Maſter having heard of this, commends
The Stewards policy in making friends.
Herein (indeed) are Worldlings wiſer far,
Than moſt illuſtrious Sons of Heaven are.
9 So uſe your fading Riches, that ye may
Find everlaſting homes, when theſe decay.
10 He that's unfaithful in a litle, will
(When farther truſted) be unfaithful ſtill.
11 Who will commit true Riches unto You,
Which have been falſe in that which was not true?
12 Deſerves he an eſtate of's own in truſt,
Which in another mans hath prov'd unjuſt!
13 He that will Mammon (as a Maſter) ſerve,
Muſt from the Laws of is heav'nly Maſter ſwerve.
14 The Phariſees that heard him ſpeaking thus,
Derided him: for they were covetous.
15 With men (ſaid he) your ſelves ye juſtify,
But God perceiveth your hypocriſy:
Moſt of thoſe things moſt men do moſt eſteem,
Are moſt abominable unto Him.
19 There was a man went cloathed like a Lord,
And daily kept a very ſplendid board.
20 Alſo one *Lazarus*, both ſore and poor,
Was laid a begging thus before his door.
21 And while the kinder hound came forth to lick him,
His Maſter could have found in's heart to kick him.
22 This poor man dy'd; the Angels, they convey'd him
To Heaven, and in *Abrams* boſom laid him.

Dives

Mat.	Mar.	Luk.	Joh.
			Dives dy'd too, [and lay in ſtate a while;]
			And then was honour'd with a fun'ral pile.
		16 23	But lifting up his eyes in hell, he 'ſpy'd
			Abram in bliſs, and *Laz'rus* at his ſide.
		24	Father (ſaid he) ſend down by *Lazarus*
1			One drop to cool my tongue tormented thus.
		25	Ah Son (ſaid *Abraham*) remember how
			Both of you liv'd, and are rewarded now.
			Thou hadſt thy good, while he enjoy'd his evil:
			Now he hath God, while thou enjoy'ſt the Devil.
		26	Beſide, there's ſuch a gulfe between us two;
			You cannot come to us, nor we to you.
		27	Father (ſaid Dives) I beſeech thee then,
			Diſpatch him to my other Bretheren;
		28	For I have five: and let him terrify 'em,
			From coming to this doleful place where I am.
		29	*Moſes* (ſaid *Abram*) and the Prophets all
			Thy Breth'ren daily to repentance call.
		30	Nay but (ſaid he) if ſuch a one were ſent;
			It could not be, but needs they muſt repent.
		31	Nay but (ſaid *Abram*) if the Word of God
			Unto their ſins can put no period,
			They will not be perſwaded, though a man
			Came preaching from the dead; preach while he can.
		11	37. Toward *Jeruſalem* then paſſed He
			Between *Samaria* and *Galilee*.
		12	And in a litle town, ſome leprous men
		13	Cry'd out aloud for help (in number ten)
	Levit. 14. 1.	14	Go to the Prieſts and ſhew your ſelves (ſaid he:)
			And as they went, they loſt their leproſy.
		15	One of the men perceiving he was well,
			Return'd, and prais'd the God of Iſrael.
		16	He fell at Jeſus feet upon the ground,
			And thank'd him for the favour which he found.
		17	Of all the ten (ſaid Jeſus) not a man
			Give God the praiſe, but this *Samaritan!*
		18	Ariſe, and go thy way; thy faith was it,
		19	Prepar'd thee to receive this benefit.
		20	38. Now when the Phariſees deſir'd to hear,
			When the Meſſiahs Kingdom would appear,
		21	He ſaid, That Kingdom comes not with amazing
			Splendor, or with external pomp and gazing:
			But my ſpiritual Kingdom is begun
			Amongſt you, ever ſince the Prophet *John*.

18 1 39. Then did he by this parable declare
The effects of constant and of fervent pray'r
2 An unjust Justice (in a certain town)
Fear'd neither God, nor any mortal frown.
3 And a distressed Widow of that place
Prest him incessantly to mind her case.
4 Although (said he) I do not care a straw
Or for Divine, or any humane law;
5 Yet doth her importunity so dun me,
6 That I am forc'd to take the busness on me.
7 And shall not God avenge his own elect,
Who constant cries toward his throne direct?
8 He will, although he seemingly delay 'th:
Which will produce a great defect of faith.
9 40. Another Parable he spake to such
Who (slighting others) prize themselves too much.
10 Unto the house of pray'r there went (said he)
Two men, a Publican and Pharisee.
11 The boasting Pharisee stood praying thus,
O Lord, I thank thee, that I'm righteous;
I thank thee, that I am no sinful man,
Or like to this extorting Publican.
12 Twice in the week I fast; my tithes are out of
All I possess, which others make a doubt of.
13 The other standing in the outward Court
(To which all kind of people might resort)
With eyes dejected (smiting on his breast)
Humbly begd pardon of his sins confest.
14 The former justify'd himself a miss,
But God in mercy justifyed this.
For self-exalters are to be debas'd,
And self-abasers shall be higher plac'd.

19 1 10 1 41. Then Jesus Jordan cros'd: and all that came
1 2 He freely taught, and heald their sick and lame.
3 2 And there the Pharisees demand, if they
4 (For ev'ry cause) might put their wives away.
Have ye not read how God (said he) first made 'em,
5 And what a law he published by *Adam*?
They two shall be but one: the man shall leave
His Parents, and to her for ever cleave.
6 Whom therefore God hath so together ty'd,
No mortal man can lawfully divide.
7 Why then (said they) did *Moses* give command,
To give her a Divorcement in her hand?

1 King. 8 41. 42.

Gen. 1 27. 2. 24 Deut. 24. 1.

For

For your hard-heartedneſs toward your wives 19 8
He ſuffer'd you (ſaid he) to change your lives.
But they that wed, except the firſt have bin 9
Falſe to their bed, commit a grievous ſin.
She that doth any way her mate releaſe,
And weds again, it an adultereſs.
If this be ſo (ſaid his Diſciples then) 10
Marriage is inconvenient for men.
All cannot lead a ſingle life (ſaid he) 11
God hath not given all that chaſtity.
Some (yet) by nature, ſome by art, and ſome 12 10 12
Eunuchs by pray'r and abſtinence become.
They that are capable of living ſo,
So to diſpoſe themſelves, diſcreetly do.
42. Here they brought infants, for the Lord to bleſs; 13 13 18 15 Gen. 48. 9.
Whom the Diſciples did at firſt repreſs:
Until that Chriſt (diſpleaſed very much) 14 16
Told them his Kingdom did conſiſt of ſuch:
And that all others, who intend to ſee 15 17
That Kingdom, muſt like litle Children be.
Then taking of them up, he bleſſed them; 15 16
And ſo went on toward *Jeruſalem.*
43. Then ran to him a young and noble man, 16 17 18
And kneeling at his feet, he thus began;
What ſhall I do (Good Maſter) that I may
Obtain a life that never ſhall decay?
But why (ſaid Jeſus) doſt thou call me good, 17 18 19
Unleſs my Deity be underſtood?
For God alone is truly Good. But never
Break his commands, and thou ſhalt live for ever. 18 19 20
All murder and adultery eſchew;
Let all thy works, let all thy words be true:
Love, honour, help thy Father and thy Mother; 19
Love (like thy ſelfe) thy neighbour and thy Brother.
What elſe (ſaid he?) if this be all (forſooth) 20 20 21
All theſe have I obſerved from my youth.
I pity thee (ſaid Chriſt) there's one thing more, 21 21 22
Sell all thou haſt, and give it to the poor:
Shew thy perfection thus: take up the croſs;
Come, follow me, and ſo have gold for droſs.
With that the man departed very ſad: 22 22 23
For they were great poſſeſſions, which he had.
Children (ſaid he to his Diſciples then) 23 23 24
How far from Heav'n are avaritious men! 24

19	24	10 25	18 25	A Camel through a needles eye is driven,
				Before a wealthy man can enter Heaven.
	25	26	26	This made them wond'rous eager then to know,
				What all that company of men should do.
	26	27	27	God can (said he) so change them by his spirit,
				That they may heav'n as well as earth inherit.
	27	28	28	But we (said *Peter*) which have disregarded
				All for thy sake, wherewith are we rewarded?
	28		22 28	Why, in the Resurrection-day (said he)
			29	You shall be Judges of the world with me.
	29	29	30	All that for me forsake Estates or friends,
				I will be sure to make them full amends.
			29	My love shall make them (while my cross they bear)
		30	30	An hundred-fold more happy than they were.
				Their faithful friends shall here be multiply'd;
				And they shall have eternal life beside.
	30	31		But many that seem best, will prove the worst;
				And many that are last, shall then be first.
20	1			For so a certain man one morning went
	2			And hired certain workmen, whom he sent
	3			To dress his Vineyard, when he found them willing
	4			To sell him that dayes labour for a shilling.
	5			At nine, twelve, three, and five a clock, he sent
	6			Others likewise, and promis'd them content,
	7			At night he came to pay them, and began
	8			First with the last; a shilling ev'ry man.
	9			This made the first expect a litle more;
	10			But they were paid, as was agreed before.
	11			With that they murmured, that one hour's pay
	12			Should equal theirs, who labour'd all the day.
	13			Friends (said the man) was not your bargain so?
	14			I wrong you not; take what is yours, and go.
				May n't I dispose of that which is my own?
	15			Are you (because I 'm liberal) envious grown?
	16			So shall the first be last, the last be first:
				For many that are called are accurst.
			11 1	44. Now *Lazarus* of *Beth'ny* was not well;
				(In *Bethany* did *Martha* and *Mary* dwel:
			2	*Mary*, which afterward with ointment rare
				Bath'd Jesus feet, and wip'd them with her hair.)
			3	They sent one therefore unto Christ, to tell,
				That *Laz'rus* (whom he loved) was not well:
			4	'Tis not to death (said he) but I thereby
				Shall further manifest my deity.

Now

	Mat.	Mar.	Luk.	Joh.
Now Jeſus lov'd the Siſters and the Brother				11 5
[As tenderly as they did one another.]				
Therefore (that *Lazarus* might dy) he ſtaies,				6
Where he receiv'd the Meſſenger, two daies.				
45. Behold (ſaid Jeſus after that) we go	20 17	10 32	18 31	7
Into *Judea* [ſtrictly called ſo.]				
Maſter (ſaid they) wil thou go there again,				8
Where thou waſt like ſo lately to be ſlain?				
As in the day (ſaid he) men walk or run,				9
And fear no ſtumbling, while they ſee the Sun:				
So am I kept by Gods Almighty pow'r,				10
Until my night, until my gloomy hour.				
Then ſhall I be betray'd to Jewiſh hands,	18	33	32	
And ſo deliver'd to the Roman Bands,				
By them to be abuſed, whipt and ſlain;	19	34	33	
And (in three days) be raiſed up again.				
But the amaz'd Apoſtles did not know,			34	
How He (that muſt be King) could ſuffer ſo.				
For ſuch a pompous Chriſt they thought upon.				
46. Which cauſed this requeſt of *James* and *John*;	20	35		
(Their Mother *Salom* [Chriſts Cozen] came,		36		
And did preſent it in her childrens name)	21	37		
That in his future Kingdom they might ſtand.				
One on his right, and one on 's other hand.	22	38		
Alas (ſaid Chriſt) ye know not what ye ask.				
Can ye be plung'd in horrour that ſhall maſk				
The ſuns bright face? or can ye drink the cup,				
Whoſe bitter dregs muſt be by me drunk up?				
And when they confident'y ſaid they could,	23	39		
He told them that in part (indeed) they ſhould:				
But next to me to ſit (ſaid he) in Heaven,		40		
Muſt unto thoſe whom God hath choſe be given.				
Now this ambitious ſuit of theſe two men	24	41	22 24	
Rais'd a heart-burning in the other ten:				
Whom Jeſus checkt; and told them thus withal,	25	42	25	
Ye muſt expect no Kingdom temporal.				
Gentiles do Lord it over men, ye know;	26	43		
It muſt not be among my ſubjects ſo.			26	
But he that would be higheſt, let him be	27	44		
Adorned with the low'ſt humility.				
For I came not to be attended on,	28	45	27	
Or to erect me an Imperial throne;				
But to ſerve others, to relieve the poor,				
And give my very life for many more.				

Luk. 19
47. And as the Lord arriv'd at *Jericho*,
1 The High Collector (but in stature low)
2 Not able to behold him, ran before,
3 O'retopt the press upon a Sycamore.
4 Christ (when he saw him) bad him haste away;
5 For at thine house (said he) I mean to stay.
6 *Zaccheus* was o'rejoy'd, to be so blest
With such a great and unexpected Guest.
7 Though others murmured, because he sat'
With such a Grand Extortioner as that.
8 Now [after certain other words that past]
Zaccheus humbly told the Lord at last,
That half his goods should now relieve the poor,
And all his frauds twice-doubly he 'ld restore.
Ex. 21. 1.
9 This day (said Christ) salvation hither cam';
He's now a lawful Son of *Abraham*.
10 For I (the Son of Man) 'tis I restore,
'Tis I redeem, whate'er was lost before.
Mat. 25 14 Luk. 11 48 And now, because they thought he went to take
His Regal power on him, thus he spake;
Mat. 15 Luk. 12 A certain Noble man went forth to reign,
Intending shortly to return again:
Mat. 16 Luk. 13 First taking care, his servants should not lack
Mony to trade withal, till he came back.
Mat. 17 Luk. 14 But of his Citizens he was abhor'd,
Who said they would not own him for their Lord.
Mat. 18 Luk. 15 However he went on, and took his crown;
And so return'd to this rebellious Town:
Mat. 19
And askd his men, what profit they had made,
Of what he left to carry on the trade.
Mat. 20 Luk. 16 Sir (said the most industrious of his men)
Thy single pound hath gained other ten.
Mat. 21 Luk. 17 Well done (said he) for thy fidelity
Ten Cities thou shalt govern under me.
Mat. 22 Luk. 18 Anothers pound had gaind five other pounds:
Mat. 23 Luk. 19 He was rewarded with as many Towns.
Mat. 24
Mat. 25 Luk. 20 Sir (said another) here is all thy pound,
I kept it in a napkin under ground:
Luk. 21
Because thy rigidness so well was known,
Mat. 26
As that thou reapest where thou hast not sown.
Luk. 22
Thou wicked, idle fellow (then said he)
Thine own confession shall thy Judgment be.
Mat. 27 Luk. 23
For if thou knewest mine austerity,
Why wrought it not more diligence in thee?

Thou

	Mat.	Mar.	Luk.	Joh.
Thou ſhould'ſt have put it in the bank at leſt,			19 24	
That ſo it might have come with intereſt.				
Take it away (ſaid he to th' other men)	25 28		25	
Give it to him that hath already ten.				
To him that hath, ſhall more and more be given;	29		26	
While he that wants, to greater want is driven.				
Let that unprofitable ſlave be caſt,	30			
Where darkneſs, griefs and anguiſh ever laſt.				
And thoſe my foes that did not like my reign,			18 27	
Bring them to me, and let me ſee them ſlain.				
49. As Jeſus left the Town, behold there lay	20 29	10 46	35	
Two blind diſtreſſed beggars in the way.			36	
They (hearing who it was that came) cry'd thus,	30	47	37	
Jeſus (thou Son of *David* pity us.			38	
And being charged not to make a noiſe,	31	48	39	
So much the more they lifted up their voyce.				
Then Jeſus (hearing of their pitteous note)	32	49	40	
Stood ſtill, & gave command to have them brought.				
One of the two (poor *Bartimeus*) caſt		50		
His coat away, to make the greater haſt.				
Then Jeſus aſk'd them, what it was they 'ld have:				
O Lord (ſaid they) our ſight we only crave.		51	41	
He gave them ſight; and ſaid, Your faith is it,	33			
Which hath prepar'd you for this benefit.		52	42	
Then all the people praiſed God with them;	34		43	
And they went alſo tow'rd *Jeruſalem*.				
50. *Laz'rus* is fal'n a ſleep (ſaid Jeſus then)				11 11
But I muſt go to 'waken him agen.				
His ſleep (ſaid they) will make him well [and ſo,				12
So near *Jeruſalem* we need not go.]				
Our friend is dead (ſaid he) now ſpeak I plain;				13
But I muſt go to raiſe him up again.				14
And I am glad, I was not there before;				15
That now I may confirm your faith the more.				
Come, let's be gone: [I told you that no power				
Or malice can precipitate my hour.]				
I fear (ſaid *Thomas*) we ſhall loſe our Maſter:				16
But let us ſhare with him in each diſaſter.				
51. When Jeſus came to *Bethany*, he found				17
The Corps had been four days within the ground.				
(Two litle mile this litle Town did ſtand				18
Upon this ſide the greateſt in the land:				
So that from thence came many of the Jews;				19
To chear the family, upon this news.)				

11 20 Then *Martha* (hearing that the Lord was come)
Met him i' th' fields: but *Mary* ſtaid at home.
21 Ah Lord (ſaid ſhe) hadſt thou been here with us,
We ſhould have ſtill enjoy'd our *Lazarus*.
22 Yet now I know, whate'er thou will require,
I know that God will grant thee thy deſire.
23 Thy Brother ſhall ariſe again (ſaid he)
Do thou but ſtedfaſtly believe in me.
24 *Martha* reply'd, I know indeed he ſhall,
When mankind doth ariſe in general.
25 'Tis I (ſaid he) who Reſurrection give;
26 They that believe in me ſhall ever live:
27 Believ'ſt thou this? Yea Lord (ſhe ſaid) I do:
Thou art the Chriſt foretold ſo long ago.
28 Then *Martha* (being by her Maſter ſent)
29 Calld *Mary* too; and *Mary* quickly went.
30 (He was not come within the Town as yet,
But ſtaid where firſt he was by *Martha* met.)
31 The Jews that were about her, thought ſhe went
To weep afreſh upon his Monument.
32 But coming to the place where Jeſus ſtaid,
And kneeling at his feet, ſhe wept, and ſaid;
Lord, had we had thy preſence here with us,
Still had we had our Brother *Lazarus*.
33 When Jeſus ſaw them, how they wept and moan'd,
His ſoul was troubled, and he ſighd and groan'd.
34 Where have ye laid his body (then ſaid he?)
Lord (they reply'd) be pleas'd to come and ſee.
35 And as he went along (to ſympathize)
The tears did trickle from his dove-like eyes.
36 Behold (ſaid ſome that ſaw him weeping thus)
Behold what love he had for *Lazarus!*
37 But could he not have ſav'd his life likewiſe,
As well as once he gave a blind man eyes?
38 Then [in his pray'r] he gave another groan;
And bad the people take away the ſtone.
39 The ſmell will be offenſive (*Martha* ſaies)
For in this poſture hath he lien four daies.
40 Did not I ſay, If thou believ'ſt (ſaid he)
Gods great and glorious power thou ſhalt ſee?
41 They then remov'd the ſtone from off the dead.
And Jeſus (looking up to Heaven) ſaid,
Thy name (O Father) be for ever bleſt,
Becauſe thou anſwereſt thy Sons requeſt.

Cant. 1. 15. *Joh.* 9. 1.

And

	Mat.	Mar.	Luk.	Joh.
And though I know, thou always heareſt me;				11 42
I ſpake, to make it known, I came from thee.				
Then (lifting up his voyce) he cryed, Come,				43
Come (*Laz'rus* from this ſolitary tomb.				
Laz'rus came forth, and had his hands and feet				44
Solemnly wrapt within his winding ſheet;				
And with a napkin bound about his head				
[Their uſual way of burying all the dead.]				
Unty the clothes (ſaid Chriſt) and let him go.				
[So they that were about him did do ſo.]				
Then many of the Jews who thither came,				45
And ſaw this ſight, believed on his name.				
But others to the City ran in haſt,				46
And told the Phariſees whate'er had paſt.				
52. A Council then was calld; wherein was one				47
Stood up and ſaid, Great miracles are done:				
If King he be proclaimed, in a fury				48
Th' imperious Romans come and ranſack Jury.				
Doth this (ſaid *Cai'phas*) put you to a ſtand?				49
The death of Jeſus muſt preſerve the land.				50
(Thus, being High-prieſt, he ſhewd unwittingly				51
How Jeſus ſhould for Jew and Gentile dy.)				52
They all agreed; and now to bring't about,				53
Theſe Orders preſently were iſſu'd out:				
Whoever knows where Jeſus is, muſt give				57
Notice thereof; he is not fit to live.				
He therefore (knowing how they wanted him)				54
Secur'd himſelf a while at *Ephraim*.				
53. Now as the Paſſover was drawing nigh,				55
Some went before, themſelves to purify.				
And in the Temple there they ſtood to reaſon,				56
Whether they might expect him at the ſeaſon.				
54. Six days before that great ſolemnity,	26 6	14 3		1
He came again and ſupt at *Bethany*.				
(*Lazarus* ſate at table with the Lord,				2
But *Martha* ſtood and waited at the board.)				
Then *Mary* (with a pound of Nard moſt rare)	7			3
Did bath his feet, and wipe them with her hair;				
And pour'd the reſt upon his head (the room				
All over ſmelling of the rich perfume.)				
This is but ſpilt (ſaid *Judas*) on the ground:	8	4		4
This might have fetch'd the poor at leſt ten pound.	9	5		5
(Not that he lov'd the poor: his being theeviſh				6
And carrying the bag, made him ſo peeviſh.)				

Levit. 4, &c.

You'll

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				You 'll have the poor(said Christ)when I am gone: Let her alone; 'tis vertuously done.
26 11	14 7		12 8	She *(*to the utmost of her power*)* strove Thus to express her gratitude and love.
12	8			I am *(*as 'twere*)* embalm'd; with this same Nard My body for my fun'ral is prepar'd.
13	9			How far soe'er this Gospel is extended, This deed of *Marys* shall be there commended.
			9	55. His being here was now divulg'd by fame; Much people therefore from the City came: They came to see the Lord; to see [and have Discourse with] him, He called from the grave.
			10	But the Chief Priests sought *Lazarus* to slay,
			11	Because through him were many drawn away.

CHAP.

Mat.	Mar.	Luk.	Joh.

CHAP. 6. §. 1.

NExt morning (being Sunday) forth He set Toward the City, by mount Olivet:	21	1	11	1	19	28	
Thence sent he two of his Disciples down, To fetch two Asses from a neighbour-town.		2		2		29	
On one (said he) no man hath ever sate: Where two ways meet, you 'l find them at a gate.						30	
If th' Owner ask you, wherefore ye unty them; Say 'tis for me, he cannot then deny them.		3		3		31	
As Jesus bad them, so they said and did And brought the Colt, that never was bestrid.	*Zach.9.9.*			4		32	
And when they had their coats upon him laid,				5		33	
They helpt their Master up: as *Zach'ry* said,		4		6		34	
Daughter of Sion, cast away thy fears;		5		7		35	12 12
Thy King upon a gentle Asse appears.		6					13
(Though this at present was not in their head, Till after he was risen from the dead.)		7					14
							15
							16
Then from the City came a multitude (Upon the fame of's last great wonder shew'd)							17
							18
Bearing victorious palms, their King to meet; Strawing their cloaths and boughs beneath his feet.							
For all his mighty works they now rejoyce, And praise the Lord with their triumphal voyce.		8		8		36	
						37	
Hosanna makes the trembling air to ring: Hosanna to the long-expected King.		9		9		38	
Hosanna (let our King O Lord be saved) Hosanna to the Holy Son of David.				10			
Hosan-Hosan-Hosan-na to our Christ! Hosan-Hosan-Hosan-na in the high'st!							
Master (said certain Pharisees that came) Bid thy Disciples hold their tongue for shame.						39	
If my Disciples should refrain (said he) The very pebles would acknowledge me						40	
Wen he drew nigh and lookt upon the City, Thoughts of her ruine made him weep for pity.						41	
Oh that thou hadst (said he) but understood The things that make for thine eternal good!						42	
Now 'tis too late: now will thy foes surround And lay thee even with the very ground.						43	

They

		19 44		They shall not leave a stone upon a stone
				Because thou dost thy Saviour thus disown.
21 10				The Townsmen star'd to see the Pomp, and cry'd,
				Who's this that doth in such a manner ride?
11				This is the Prophet (said the Company)
				Jesus of *Nazareth* in *Galilee*.
			Joh 2.13.	What (said the Pharisees) shall now be done?
				After this fellow all the world is gone.
12	11 15	45	*Is 56.7. Jer.7.11.*	2. Then Jesus went (a second time) to clear
				The Temple (as he did before three year.)
	16			And (from an holy zeal) he 'ld not permit
				One vessel to be carry'd thorow it.
13	17	46		'Tis writ (said he) Mine's calld an house of pray'r:
				But ye have turn'd it to a thievish fair.
14				Then thither were convey'd the blind and lame;
				And he bestow'd his aid on all that came.
15				Which when the Great ones saw, and heard the boys
				(With their Hosannas) making such a noise,
16				Enraged at the very heart they came,
				And askd him whether he observ'd the same.
			Ps.8.2.	Yea, know ye not (said he) how *David* saies,
				From Babes and Sucklings thou receivest praise?
	18	47		Then they 'ld have kild him, but they greatly feard
		48		Because the multitude so gladly heard him. (him,
				And when the ev'ning came, he did repair
17	19			To *Bethany* again, and lodged there.
	11			3. And as he went again (the second day)
18	12			He found himself an hungry by the way:
				And going to a Fig-tree, findeth there
19	13			Leaves only; for 'twas but a bad Fig-year.
				Hence forth (said he) no man eat fruit of thee:
	14			And presently the sap forsook the tree. (came
		12 20		4. Now while they were in Town, some Greeks that
				To worship at the feast) had heard his fame,
		21		And thus accosted *Philip*; Sir, you 'l please us
				Greatly, to help us to a sight of Jesus.
		22		*Philip* told *Andrew*; and they both addrest
				Themselves to Jesus with the Greeks request.
		23		Then Jesus told them how he must be slain,
				And rise in glory from the dust again:
		24		Like to a grain of wheat, that first must dy,
				And then doth very greatly multiply.
		25		Chuse life, you 'l see 'tis only death ye chuse:
				Lose life for me, and nothing shall ye lose.

He

He that will ſerve me, thus muſt follow me : 12 26
And where I am, my ſervant there ſhall be.
High honour ſhall my Father then beſtow
On them that humbly ſerve me here below.
Now is my ſoul perplext, what ſhall I ſay? 27
Father protect me from this gloomy day.
But hither for this very cauſe I came : 28
And therefore glorify thine holy Name.
Then came a voice (like 'thunder) from the sky.
My Name I have, and ſtill will glorify.
Some ſaid it thundered ; but other ſome 29
Said that the voyce did from an Angel come.
The voyce (ſaid Chriſt) came not alone for me, 30
But to reprove your infidelity.
Now's the redemption of the captive world : 31
Now ſhall the Tyrant from his Throne be hurld.
And when I am exalted on the tree, 32
All ſort of people ſhall be drawn to me.
Thus he foretold them, how he ought to dy : 33
And thus the people therefore did reply,
The Law ſaies plain, Chriſt ſhall remain for aye ; Iſ. 9. 6, 7. 34
And how canſt thou be taken then away?
Yet for a while (ſaid he) ye have the light ; 35
Walk in't before y'are taken by the night.
Believe in me the light : So ſee and know, 36
(Like Sons of light) both how and where ye go.
He that ſees me, and truſteth in my Name, 44
Both ſees and truſts in him from whom I came. 45
I came to light the world ; that ſeeing me, 46
They might be freed from their obſcurity.
And he that ſhuts his eyes and will not ſee, 47
Shall yet receive no puniſhment from me ;
For now I came to ſave : but what I ſay, 48
That word ſhall Judge him at the later day.
For of my ſelf I have not ſpoke, but rather 49
Made known the will of mine Eternal Father.
His will's Eternal life : I ſpeak no more, 50
Than what my Father ſpake to me before.
Then Jeſus went tow'rd Olivet at night, 11 37 36
And ſtaid [at *Bethany*] till morning light. 38
(So many wonders yet produc'd no faith 37
In thoſe ſpectatours : as *Iſaiah* ſaith, Iſ. 53. 1.
Who (Lord) hath given credit to our word? 38
Who underſtands the power of the Lord?

Nor

Isa. 10.

12 39 Nor could they then believe, becauſe their mind
The Lord (as he ſaies) did in Judgment blind:
40 Leſt they ſhould underſtand, and turn, and might
Receive the bleſſing which they did ſo ſlight.
41 Thus ſaid *Iſaiah*, when he did foreſee
And ſpake beforehand of his Majeſty.
42 Some Rulers (yet) believed; but appear'd
Not publick Confeſſours, becauſe they fear'd
43 The laſh of excommunicating rods,
And more eſteemed mans applauſe than Gods.)
5. And in the morning as they paſſed by,
21 20 | 11 20 They ſaw the fig (from top to bottom) dry.
See Sir (ſaid *Peter*) how ſince Yeſterday
21 This curſed tree is wither'd quite away!
21 22 Have faith in God (ſaid he) then may ye ſet
Among the mounting waves Mount Olivet.
23 Whate'er ye ſay in faith, ye ſhall atchieve:
22 24 Whene'er ye pray in faith, ye ſhall receive.
But when ye ſend up your requeſts to Heaven,
25 All that offend you, muſt be then forgiven.
26 For Heavens pardons are beſtow'd among you,
As you yourſelves do pardon thoſe that wrong you.
23 27 | 20 1 6. Then did he to the ſacred Temple go,
And teach the people, as he us'd to do:
28 | 2 Where he was queſtion'd by the ſcribes and Prieſts,
By whoſe authority he did all this
24 29 | 3 This Queſtion firſt (ſaid Jeſus) anſwer me,
30 | 4 Was't God or Man gave *John* authority?
25 31 | 5 If we ſhould anſwer, It was God (thought they)
He'l ask us, why we did him not obey:
26 32 | 6 And Man we dare not ſay; this people all
7 Hold that his Office was Prophetical.
27 33 | 8 Therefore they ſaid, We cannot tell. Nor I
(Said he) ſhall ſhew you my authority.
28 A man commanded (once) his Son to go,
And in his field a litle pains beſtow.
29 Firſt he refus'd; but afterward he went,
And of his obſtinacy did repent.
30 But when another of his Sons was bid,
He ſaid, I go for ſooth; but never did.
31 Now which of thoſe (do ye ſuppoſe) obey'd?
The firſt that went and did repent (they ſaid.)
32 Truly (ſaid he) juſt ſo it is with you:
Much ye pretend, but very litle do.

	Mat.	Mar.	Luk.	Joh.
The noted ſinners to the Baptiſt went;				
Which ye refus'd to hearken and repent.				
A certain man a vineyard did prepare,	21 33	12 1	20 9	
And ſpent thereon much pains and coſt and care:				
And (being far remov'd) ſent men unto 't,	34	2	10	
To bring him from the husbandmen ſome fruit.				
But they (in ſtead of ſending him his due)	35	3	11	
Took all his men, and beat them black and blew.				
And ſending more, more baſely they were us'd;	36	4	12	
Both ſton'd and kild, and many ways abus'd.				
At laſt he ſent his only Son, and ſaid,	37	5	13	
Now ſome reſpect will certainly be paid.				
But when they ſaw him, they conſpir'd to kill	38	6	14	
The Son and Heir, and have his land at will.				
So taking him, they barbarouſly ſlew him; (him.	39	7	15	
And then without the vineyard-walls they threw				
Now when his Father comes, what think ye then	40	8		
He 'l do to theſe inhumane husbandmen?	41	9		
Surely (ſaid they) he 'l uſe them as his foes,				
And get him better husbandmen than thoſe.			16	
The Lord (ſaid he) ſhall miſerably uſe				
Rebellious, fruitleſs, Prophet-killing Jews.				
Nay, God forbid (ſaid they.) Nay but (ſaid he)	42	10	17	
What means the Pſalmiſt in that Prophecy,				
Strangely hath God made chiefly to be uſed	43	11		
That Corner-ſtone which Architects refuſed?				
Whoſo in weakneſs ſtumbles at this ſtone,	44			
He hurts not that, he hurts himſelf alone:			18	
Whoſo in malice doth oppoſe it, ſhall				
Be brus'd to pouder with its weighty fall.				
The Phariſees, peceiving how he turn'd	45	12	19	
His Parables on them, in fury burn'd: (ſhewd,				
Which then they would (with all their hearts) have	46			
But that they greatly fear'd the multitude.				
With this ſame parable went Jeſus on;	22 1			
A King proclaim'd the marriage of his Son,	2			
And ſent ſome ſervants (on the wedding-day)	3			
To bid the Gueſts make haſte and come away:				
But they refus'd. Then ſent he other ſome,	4			
To preſs them very earneſtly to come.				
Some (ſlighting them) about their buſneſs went,	5			
And ſo diſmiſt them with a complement.				
Some pull'd his ſervants by the ears: and ſome	6			
So us'd them, that alive they ne'er went home.				

Th'

Pſ. 119. 22, 23.

22 7 Th' enraged King ſent then his army down,
To kill thoſe murderers, and fire the Town.
8 Here's ev'ry thing (ſaid he) in readineſs,
But none of thoſe deſerve to be my Gueſts.
9 Go ye (my Servants) into ev'ry ſtreet,
And (good and bad) bring hither all ye meet.
10 So the men did, as he commanded them:
To grace the Nuptials of that Royal Stem.
11 Then to the feaſt his Father came, to view't;
And found a man without a wedding-ſuit.
12 Friend (ſaid the King) how didſt thou hither come
Without thy wedding-cloaths? And he was dumb.
13 Bind him both foot and hand (ſaid he) and caſt him
To ſmoak and ſoot and torment everlaſting.
14 Many ('tis true) are calld; and 'tis as true,
That Gods Elect are but a very few.
15 12 13 20 20 7. Then ſome were ſent to play the hypocrite,
And ſlyly to enſnare him, if they might.
16 14 21 Maſter (ſaid they) thou teacheſt what is right,
And careſt not for any mortal wight.
17 22 Thou canſt reſolve us in a doubt, we know:
May we to *Ceſar* tribute give or no?
18 15 23 Ye hypocrites (ſaid Chriſt) why tempt ye me?
19 Bring me a piece of tribute-coyn, to ſee.
20 16 24 Whoſe image and whoſe ſuperſcriptions there
The coyn (ſaid they) doth *Ceſars* image bear.
21 17 25 Give *Ceſar* then (ſaid Jeſus) *Ceſars* due:
And give to God, what God commandeth you.
22 26 And when they could not thus entrap him, they
(Much wond'ring at his anſwer) went their way.
23 18 27 8. Then came to him the Sadduces, that ſay,
Never ſhall be a Reſurrection-day.
24 19 28 Maſter (ſaid they) by *Moſes* if a Brother
25 Leave his wife childleſs, ſhe ſhall have the other.
26 20 29 One woman thus had Brother after Brother,
30 And ſeaven of them after one another.
27 21 Now in your Reſurrection from the dead,
28 22 31 How ſhall ſhe know her future nuptial-bed?
29 23 32 You erre (ſaid Chriſt) becauſe ye do not know
The Scriptures well, nor what the Lord can do.
30 24 33 For in the Reſurrection of the dead,
They live like Angels, and do never wed.
31 25 34 But that the dead ſhall riſe again, your *Moſes*
35 *Ex. 3. 6.* In that Buſh-viſion very plain ſuppoſes:

When

	Mat.	Mar.	Luk.	Joh.	
When God appear'd to him, and said, I am	22 32	12 26	10 36		
The God of *Jacob*, *Isaac*, *Abraham*.			37		
If He be *Abrams* God, then *Abram* must	33	27	38		
At present live, and one day leave the dust.					
9. His silencing of them did greatly please	34	28	39		
Their great Antagonists the Pharisees.					
Then came a Scribe, and fain would understand,	35		40		
Which was the first and principal Command.	36				
'Tis this (said Jesus) Israel, give ear,	37	29			*Deut. 6. 4.*
Thy God is one; let him be all thy fear:					
Love him with all thy heart and soul and mind.	38	30			
And to thy neighbour (as thy self) be kind.					
These are the chief; so far do these extend,	39	31			
That Law and Prophets all on these depend.					
'Tis true indeed (the Lawyer then replies)	40				
This far exceedeth all burnt-sacrifice.		32			
Jesus rejoyn'd, Discreetly thou reply'st;		33			
Thou art not far (I see) from owning Christ.		34			
What think ye, Sirs? who's your Messia's Father?	41	35			
David (said they) so far as we can gather.	42				
How then (said Christ) can He be Davids Lord?	43	36	41		*Ps.* 110. 1.
Yet thus the Holy Ghost and he record;					
Jehovah bad my Lord take up his seat	44	37	42		
On his right hand, till all his foes were beat.	45		43		
So shamefully this ran them all on ground,	46		44		
No question afterward they durst propound.					
10. Then their hypocrisy He further shew'd	23 1	38	45		
To's own Disciples and the multitude.					
They sit in *Moses* seat (said he) 'tis true:	2				
Do what accordingly they bid you do.	3				
But turn aside from walking in their way,	4				
Because they seldom practice what they say.					
They will not set one finger to the packs	5				*Num.* 15. 38.
They bind so big, to lay on others backs.					*Deut.* 6. 8.
Their fringes and Phylacteries are broad;	6	39	46		
That men may their great holiness applaud.					
At Church and feasts they must be highly seated,	7				
In streets and all assemblies lowly greeted					
With Master, Doctor, Father; and believe,					
That all mens faith must hang upon their sleeve.					
Affect not you such proud and swelling titles:	8				
You're Brethren all, and only my Disciples.					
From your Celestial Father never swerve:	9				
And he that would be greatest, let him serve.	10				

Proud self-exalters shall be tumbled down,
While self-abasers win and wear the Crown.
Wo to you Scribes and Pharisees, whose leaven
Keeps both your selves and others out of Heaven!
Wo, wo to you, that make your selves the heirs
Of widows, by your long pretended pray'rs!
Wo, that ye hunt for Proselytes, and so
Entitl'em twice to your deserved wo!
Wo unto you blind guides, that let men faulter,
When e'er they swear by Temple or by Altar;
And teach (for lucres sake) that oaths must hold,
When once they 're made by Offerings and Gold.
The Altar and the Temple rather bind,
Which sanctify the gifts: ye fools and blind!
But whosoever swears by any thing,
He sweareth by the Everlasting King.
Wo be to you that tithe your herbs (and yet
This ye must do) but all the while omit
The weightier matters of the moral Law;
Leap o're a block, and stumble at a straw.
Wo be to you that cleanse the cup and platter;
Whose hearts abound with all corruptest matter.
Cleanse first (blind Pharisee) thine inner side,
That so thy diet may be sanctify'd.
Wo to the whited tombs, that look so fair;
And so defile men, e'er they be aware.
Wo be to you that garnish and renew
The tombs of Prophets, whom your Fathers slew.
For (in the sight of God, ye thus approve
Massacring those, whom thus ye seem to love.
Fill up the measure of your Fathers then,
Ye brood and heirs of Hell, more asps than men!
Those Prophets came from God, as others will;
Whom ye shall scourge and crucify and kill:
That all the righteous bloud may come on you,
From *Abel* unto *Zachry*, whom ye slew
(To pleasure *Joash*) in the Temple Court:
This Generation here shall answer for 't.
11. Observing then how into their Corbon
By money'd men great offerings were thrown,
He saw a Widow bring a double mite
(Both of them did not make a farthing quite.)
Observe (said he to th' twelve) observe this woman,
In real bounty paralel'd by no man.

2 Chron. 24. 19, 21, 22. Deut. 16. 16. 2 King. 12. 9.

Their

	Mat.	Mar.	Luk.	Joh.
Their gifts proceed from their ſuperfluous ſtore:		12 44	21 4	
Such is her need (poor Soul) ſhe hath no more.				
12. See Sir (ſaid one, as they departed thence)	24 1	13 1	5	
This ſtately ſtone, the Kings munificence!				
Brave building! but (ſaid he) the times at hand,	2	2	6	
When not a ſtone upon a ſtone ſhall ſtand.				
Then the Diſciples askt him (being ſet	3	3	7	
Againſt the Temple, on mount Olivet)				
When th' Exit of the preſent age would be,		4		
And when he ſhould appear in Majeſty.				
Be not (ſaid Jeſus) drawn aſide by any:	4	5	8	
For Pſeudo-Chriſts will come ſeducing many.	5	6		
Fear ye not Wars, when their reports are hot:				
Such things muſt be, but yet the end is not.	6	7	9	
For Wars and famines, Plagues and Earthquakes go,	7	8	10	
Fore-runners of that more tremendous wo.	8		11	
But look ye to't: for firſt they will accuſe you	9	9	12	
To Heathen Courts and Councils, and abuſe you.				
So will their ſins be highly aggravated,		10	13	
And ſo the Goſpel more and more dilated.				
But ſtudy not beforehand what to ſay;		11	14	
The Holy Ghoſt ſhall prompt you in that day.				
I'll give you mouthes and wiſdom, which your foes		12	15	
Shall not have wit or power to oppoſe.				
Yet all ſhall hate you, and your friends betray you,	10	13	16	
Your neareſt kindred perſecute and ſlay you.	11			
This wickedneſs will cool the love of moſt:	12		17	
Hold out, and your reward ſhall neer be loſt.	13			
In patience keep your Souls, keep out deſpair:			18	
God is your guide, ye ſhall not loſe an hair.				
When ye have teſtify'd to ev'ry land	14		19	
Theſe joyful tidings, then the times at hand.				
And when ye ſee that deſolating rout	15	14	20	*Dan.9.27. Gen.19.26.*
Of Heathens girt *Jeruſalem* about,				
Flie to the Mountains of *Arabia*;	16	15	21	
Slack not your pace for any remora.	17			
Flie for your life, and make no lingring halt:	18	16	22	
Think of *Lots* wife transformed into ſalt.			17 31	
Obey and live; but if ye will not fly,			32	
Share in the general calamity.			33	
Women with child ſhall then have great diſtreſs,	19	17	21 23	
And they that carry ſucklings at their breaſts,				
But pray to God, ye be not forc'd to fly	20	18		
In ſtormy winter from your enemy:				

				And that it be not your Sabbatick year
				[When all provision will be scarce and dear.]
24	21	13	19	For these are days of vengeance and of wo,
				The like to which the world did never know.
	22	20		Nor would a man escape, did God not make
				An end the sooner for his chosen's sake.
				Thousands shall meet with their untimely graves;
		21	24	Thousands shall then be sold about for slaves:
				And under foot the City shall be trod
				By Gentiles, till the Gentiles Period.
	2	21	17 22	Then will a Saviour very welcome be,
				Then shall ye wish the Son of Man to see;
	24	22	23	And then they 'll cry, Lo, here is Christ, and there!
				For many such pretenders will appear,
				And (with their miracles of magick) cozen
				(If 'twere but possible) the very chosen.
	25	23		Be not so charm'd so shall ye not be harmed;
	26			Be now forewarn'd, so shall ye be forearmed.
	27		24	For as the lightning all are wont to see;
				So plain, so suddain shall my coming be.
			25	But first I am to drink my bitter cup.
	28			And when the measure of their sins is up;
			37	Then come the Roman Eagles and display
				Their hovering wings above the rotten prey.
	29	24	21 25	Such fearful sights shall then be ev'ry where,
				As if the end of all the world were near.
	30	25	26	The pow'rs of Heav'n & Earth shall then be shaken:
				With horrour shall the hearts of men be taken.
		26	27	The world shall evidently see my hand
				Inflicting vengeance on this wicked land.
	31	27		And then I 'll send my Messengers, to fetch in
				My chosen out of ev'ry land, by preaching.
		28	28	Now when ye see those tokens, droop no more;
	32	29		For your deliverance is at the door:
			29	As sure as blossomes (when they first appear)
			30	Do shew the certain season of the year.
	33	30	31	These words of mine shall be accomplished,
				Before this present generation's dead:
	34	31	32	The Heavens and the Earth shall pass away,
				Before one syllable thereof decay.
	35	32	33	Although the day to Angels is not known,
	36			Nor to the Son of Man, but God alone.
			34	Take heed of surfeits then, and worldly cares;
				For fear that day surprize you unawares.

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For (as a ſecret ſnare) it ſhall take hold			21 35	
Of them, whoſe hearts are fixed upon mold.				
As in the days of *Noah* and of *Lot*,	24 37		17 26	
Pleaſures and cares did mortals ſo beſot,	38		27	
That flood and fire oretook them e'er they knew;	39		28	
So will my coming be to moſt of you.	40		29	
One ſhall be took, in bed, abroad, at mill;	41		30	
And one forſook! I reſcue whom I will.	42	13 33	21 36	
Then watch and pray; that when the land's involv'd				
In condemnation, ye may ſtand abſolv'd.				
I am as one that travels to a land		34		
A great way off, and gives his men command,				
To work and watch, be ready to unlock				
And let him in, when e'er they hear him knock.				
Stand ready girt, and let your candles burn;		35	12 35	
Like ſervants waiting for their Lords return:				
That whenſoe'er he comes (though ne'er ſo late)		36	36	
There they may be to open him the gate.				
Their honour and reward is very great:			37	
He 'll wait himſelf, and ſee them ſit and eat.				
Be watchful, and as careful as ye can:			38	
Be not ſurprized by the Son of Man.				
For he will come with greater ſecreſy,	43		39	
Than they that come to act a robbery.	44		40	
Speak'ſt thou (ſaid *Peter*) unto us alone,			41	
Or is this Parable for ev'ry one?				
Chiefly for you (ſaid he) That ſervants bleſt,	45		42	
Whoſe Maſter left him t'overlook the reſt,	46		43	
And finds him doing it with care and faith:	47			
He 'll make him Ruler over all he hath.	48		44	
But if he ſaies, My Lord will ne'er be here,	49		45	
And ſo begins to drink and domineer;	50			
He 'll come and hurl him (e'er he is aware)	51		46	
Where hypocrites and unbelievers are.				
He ſhall have many ſtripes, who, though he knew,			47	
Yet diſobey'd; when others ſhall have few.				
For as the Lord hath here entruſted men,			48	
To ſuch a reckning will he call 'em then.				
Then watch and pray: and what to you I ſay,		37		
I ſay the ſame to all men; Watch and pray.				
13. This other parable he added more,				
[To preſs the duty treated of before.]				
Ten Virgins once accompany'd a ſpouſe,	25 1			
And waited till the Bridegroom came to th' houſe.				

25 2 Five of them (being simpler than the rest)
Brought nothing but their Lamps (and slightly dreſt)
3 Forgetting a recruit: the other five
4 Brought Oyl-pots too, to keep their Lamps alive.
The Bridegrooms tarrying had clos'd the eyes
5 Not only of the fooliſh but the wiſe.
6 At midnight they were call'd upon, to come
And with their lights conduct the Bridegroom home.
7 So up they ſtart, and (looking round about)
The ſilly maidens Lamps were quite gone out.
8 And when they would have borrow'd a ſupply,
9 Their fellows ſent them to the ſhops to buy.
10 They that were ready, to the Wedding haſten'd,
11 And e'er the other came) the door was faſten'd.
12 Afterwards came the careleſs ones, and cry'd,
13 Lord, Lord, admit us: but they were deny'd.
Furniſh your hearts with grace, from ſin awake;
That of my nuptial joyes ye may partake.
31 When on my glorious Throne I come again
Attended on by my Seraphick train;
32 Then all the world ſhall be aſſembled under.
And then I 'll part the Sheep and Goats aſunder.
33 On my right hand the Sheep ſhall ſtand; and they
(To their tranſcendent joy) ſhall hear me ſay,
34 Come bleſſed of my Father, and put on
The Crown prepared for you long agone.
35 Ye fed me, when I have an hungry bin:
I was a ſtranger, and ye took me in.
36 When I was naked, ſick, and in the jayl,
To cloath and viſit me ye did not fail.
37 Then ſhall they anſwer, Lord, we do not know,
38 That e'er we ſaw thee and reliv'd thee ſo.
39 And then ſhall I rejoyn, Becauſe you 've done it
40 Unto the leaſt of mine, I thus will own it.
41 On my left hand the Goats ſhall ſtand, and they
(To their tranſcendent grief) ſhall hear me ſay,
Depart from me for ever (curſed crew!
To fire prepar'd for Satan and for you.
42 You fed me not, when hungry: I have bin
43 A ſtranger, and ye would not take me in.
When I was naked, ſick, and in the jayl,
To cloath and ſee me you 'ld be ſure to fail.
44 Then ſhall they anſwer, Lord, we do not know,
That e'er we ſaw thee and did ſlight thee ſo.

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And then ſhall I rejoyn, Ye have not done it	25 45			
Unto the leaſt of mine, ſo I diſown it.				
And then ſhall theſe have endleſs death and wo,	46			
While thoſe to eaſe and life eternal go.				
14. Two days before the feaſt (as Jeſus ſaid,	26 1	14 1	22 1	
Yet two days more, and then I am betray'd)	2			
The Jews conſulted at the Council-board,	3	2	2	
Safely and ſecretly to take the Lord.	4			
Becauſe they fear'd, if they ſhould apprehend him	5			
During the feaſt, the people would defend him.				
From Satan then comes *Judas*, and demands,	14	10	3	
What they would give, to have him in their hands.	15		4	
And when they told him fifteen crowns ſhould pay	16	11	5	
He went and watch'd his ſeaſon to betray him. (him,			6	
15. Now when the fourteenth day of *Niſan* cam'	17	12	7	*Ex. 12. Num. 16.*
They askd him where he'ld eat the Paſchal lamb.				
Peter and *John* (ſaid Jeſus) go to th' City;	18	13	8	
And when ye ſee a Tankard-bearer meet y',			9	
Go where he goes, and bid the Landlord ſhew		14	10	
The Chamber, where I mean to ſup with you.			11	
He 'l have you to an handſome upper room;		15	12	
Get all things ready there [againſt I come.]				
They going (as they were by Jeſus bid)	19	16	13	
Juſt ſo found ev'ry thing, and ſo they did.				
16. And when the time (at ev'ning) came, the Lord	20	17	14	
Sate down (with his Apoſtles) at the board.				
I have (ſaid he) deſired earneſtly,			15	
With you to eat this Lamb, before I dy.				
For I ſhall never eat thereof again,			16	
Before that I (your paſſover) am ſlain.				
Then bleſſing the preparatory cup,			17	
He drank to them, and bad them drink it up.			18	
And now (before the Feaſt, and) e'er he dy'd,				1
His endleſs love to them he ſignify'd.				
(For though betray'd and ſlain, he knew he ſhould				
Return to God, and might do what he would.)				
Riſing from ſupper (almoſt done) he ty'd				
A Towel on, and laid is coat aſide.				
And having fill'd a baſon, he began				
To waſh and wipe the feet of ev'ry man.				
But when he came to *Peter*, Is it meet				
(Said *Simon*) that my Maſter waſh my feet?				
Thou knoweſt not (ſaid Jeſus) what I do				
At preſent, but thou ſhalt hereafter know.				

13 8 Still he refus'd, till Jeſus ſaid, Let be,
Or elſe thou haſt no intereſt in me.
9 Let hands and head and all be waſht (ſaid he)
Rather than loſe my intereſt in thee.
10 He that returns (ſaid Jeſus) from a bath,
(Save of his feet) no need of waſhing hath.
11 So ye already (for the main) are clean,
All but that one——I know the man I mean.
12 Then ſitting down again, he ſaid, D'ye know
What my intention is in doing ſo?
13 Ye call me Lord and Maſter, as 'tis meet.
14 If I your Lord and Maſter waſh your feet,
15 Then follow my example, do ſo too;
Each other ſerve, as I have ſerved you.
16 By you ſuch ſervice ſhould be leſs abhor'd:
The ſervant is not greater than his Lord.
34 Each other love (this precept I renew)
Each other love, as I have loved you.
35 This badge of mutual love will make it plain
To all the world, to whom ye do retain.
17 Do then your duty, and be bleſt: but yet
One whom I choſe, is far from doing it.
18 For (as the Pſalmiſt ſaies) he eats my bread,
And (like a beaſt) kicks him by whom he's fed.
Pſ. 41. 9.
19 I tell you now, that when ye ſee th' event,
Then ye may know that I'm omniſcient:
20 And (for the reſt) whoſo receiveth you,
Receiveth me and him that ſent me too.
26 21 14 18 22 21 21 Then was he troubled in his mind, and ſaid,
By one of you I am to be betray'd.
22 19 22 22 This troubled them, and each began to cry
23 (Doubting of whom he ſpake it) Lord is't I?
23 20 'Tis one oth' twelve (ſaid he) I go indeed
To ſuffer, as 'tis written and decreed:
24 21 But wo to him by whom this thing is done;
'Twere good for him t'have never ſeen the Sun.
25 Then *Judas* alſo ask'd him, Sir is't I?
Well, well (ſaid he) I 'll tell thee by and by.
23 Now there was leaning upon Jeſus breaſt
One that was more beloved than the reſt:
24 Therefore to him did *Simon Peter* make
Some ſigns, to ask, who 'twas of whom he ſpake.
25 He did: and Jeſus [ſoftly] ſaid, 'Tis he,
Whom next thou ſeeſt receive a ſop from me.

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Jude then receiv'd the ſop, and Satan bent				13 26
Judes mind more firmly on his dire intent.				
Iſcariot (ſaid he who all things knew)				27
Do quickly what thou doſt intend to do.				
Now others knew not what he meant; but thought				28
He would have feſtival proviſion bought;				
Or that he ſhould give ſomething to the poor:				29
For *Judas* kept the bag, that kept the ſtore.				
Then Jeſus breaks and gives them bread, & ſaith,	26 26	14 22	22 19	
This is hence forth my Body: feed by faith.				
I am your Paſſover: when this ye do,				
Think of my being broken thus for you.				
The cup of bleſſing then he bleſt, and gave them	27	23	20	
That Symbole of the Bloud that was to ſave them.				
This is the blood that ſeals the league (ſaid he)	28	24		
With ev'ry one that doth believe in me.				
This wine's the laſt, that I ſhall ever taſte,	29	25		
Until we 're paſt to joyes that never waſte.				
Now let us ſing our Hallel, then we 'l go	30	26	*P. 113, &c*	
Tow'rd yonder garden, as we uſe to do.—				
I ſee that *Judas* (with his ſop) is gone.				30
And now the Father glorifies his Son,				
Immediately and of himſelf, the rather,				31
Becauſe the Son ſo glorifies the Father.				32
Children, I'm going, where ye cannot find me:				33
I leave you (as I told the Jews) behind me.				
Whither (ſaid *Peter*) doſt thou go? Where thou				36
(Said He) ſhalt follow after, but not now.				
For now (before this preſent night is ended)	31	27	*Zach. 13. 7.*	
On my account ye will be all offended:				
As in the Prophet *Zachary* 'tis written,				
The Sheep are ſcatter'd and the ſhepherd ſmitten.				
But after I am riſen (ye ſhall ſee)	32	28		
I 'll go before you into *Galilee*.				
Simon, the Dev'l hath leave to have you boulted?			31	
But I have pray'd, that, though thy faith be jolted,				
It may not quite be overthrown: and then			32	
When thou 'rt recover'd, help the other ten.				
I 'll follow thee (ſaid *Simon*) to the end:	33	29	33	37
Nor jail, nor death it ſelf ſhall me offend.				
Nor death it ſelf? ſaid He: thou ſhall not twice	34	30	34	38
Hear the Cock crow, till thou deny me thrice.				
But ſtoutly he, and all the reſt, reply'd,	35	31		
They never would deny him, though they dy'd.				

Before

22 35 Before (said he) I sent you forth, 'tis true;
And did miraculously succour you:
36 But now (whatever shift ye make) provide
And arm your selves for this tempestuous tide.
Isa. 53. 12. 37 For (as *Isaiah* saith) I must be kill'd:
Those prophesies are all to be fulfill'd.
38 Behold (said they) two swords are here at hand.
Well, well (said he) e'er long you 'll understand.
14 1 Let not your heart be troubled, neither grieve:
Believe in God, and so in me believe.
2 Good store of mansions at my Fathers are:
Your places there I 'm going to prepare.
3 Then I 'll return, and take you unto me;
That where I am, there ye may also be.
4 Whither I go, ye know; the way ye know:
[For I have told you of it long ago.]
5 *Thomas* reply'd, the place we do not know:
How should we then the way that leads thereto?
6 I am the way, the truth, and life (said He)
None cometh to the Father but by me.
7 In knowing me, ye know the Father too:
In me the Father hath appear'd to you.
8 But grant (said *Philip*) that we may behold
His glory [as the Prophets did of old.]
9 So long have I with you been conversant,
And art thou still (said he) so ignorant?
10 Believ'st thou not that He and I are one?
His words are spoke by me his works are done.
11 Believe me that we both one essence make:
Or else believe me for the works own sake.
12 If ye believe, ye shall do more than I,
Because the time of my departure's nigh.
13 Ask in my Name aright, it shall be done:
14 Thus God is glorfyed in his Son.
15 Only to this beloved Son approve
(By your obedience) your unfeigned love,
16 And then (at my request) he will (I know)
The everlasting Comforter bestow:
17 That Spirit of all truth, whom all the rest
Nor see nor know, by you alone possest.
18 I leave you not like helpless Orphans here,
But to your comfort I will soon appear;
19 Though not to all the world. Know that in me
Your life is hid to all eternity.

That

That I and God are one, then ſhall ye know:
Then ſhall ye know, that you and I are ſo.
Us and our love we mean to manifeſt,
To him whoſe love is in his life expreſt.
How wilt thou (ſaid the other *Judas* then)
Appear to us, and not to other men?
Becauſe (ſaid Chriſt) his love is thus expreſt,
Us and our love we thus will manifeſt.
Who loves me not, he keepeth not my words:
Mine, did I ſay? they are indeed the Lords.
Theſe things I tell you (e'er I go) in ſumme:
But when from us the Paraclete is come,
All needful truths he 'l clearly teach you all;
All that ye have forgotten he 'l recall.
My peace I give you; and I give it ſo,
That all the world can no ſuch peace beſtow.
Let not your heart be troubled, neither fear;
For I intend to come again, ye hear.
So go to him who is ſo far above me,
Ye would be glad ſincerely did ye love me.
I tell you now, that (when th' event ye ſee)
It may confirm your faith in him and me.
I ſhall not ſay much more: now comes the Devil,
The worlds great Prince; but finds in me no evil.
Yet I ſubmit; that all the world may know
I love and ſerve my Father. Let us go.
17. I am the real Vine: my Fathers care
Makes all true boughs of mine more cluſters bear.
But ev'ry fruitleſs branch he takes away:
And ye are prun'd by what you 've heard me ſay.
Abide in me, and I in you: no fruit
Is born by thoſe that leave the ſtock and root.
I am the root and ſtock, the boughs are ye;
In me you 're fruitful, fruitleſs out of me:
Like out-caſt wither'd branches, that are good
For nothing but afford the fire food.
But keep in me, and keep my words; ye may
Be ſure that God will hear you, when ye pray.
My Father's honour'd, when much fruit ye bear:
And men will ſay, Theſe His Diſciples are!
Such as the Fathers love to me hath bin,
Such mine hath been to you; remain therein.
Therein ye ſhall remain, do but my will;
As I do his, and am beloved ſtill.

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Theſe

These words I sprinkle now [like drops of dew]
To cherish and encrease my joy in you.
15 12 This is my will, As I [your elder Brother]
Have loved you, so love ye one another.
13 Father than this the love of more extends,
That one lay down his life, to save his friends.
14 My friends are ye, while doing as y'are bidden.
The Masters mind from servitours is hidden:
15 But unto you (as unto friends) have I
Clearly reveal'd the Gospel-Mystery.
16 I chose you to't: [my spirit being in you]
You 'll bear such fruit, shall evermore continue.
17 Pray in my name, and so be heard above.
And (as I said before) each other love.
18 If unto you the world doth hatred shew,
It hated me before it hated you.
19 Because I chose you out oth' world, is shown
Its hatred; for the world would love its own.
20 Ye must be serv'd like me: observe that word,
The servant is not greater than his Lord.
21 They 'll use you so, for bearing of my name;
Because they know not him from whom I came.
22 Had I not acted like to God, and spoke
23 As no man could, their sin had had some cloak:
24 Now all pretense is gone; now all may gather,
That hating me, they plainly hate my Father.
25 But so 'tis written; and as *David* was,
So I am hated now, without a cause.
26 But when ye shall that Advocate inherit,
And when I send you down Truths Holy Spirit;
27 He 'l plead my cause [against this age accurst,]
By you that have been with me from the first.
16 1 I tell you now, with what ye are to meet;
That so ye may not startle, when ye see't.
2 They 'll cast you from their Church, & think they do
Service to God by sacrificing you.
3 And this, because nor God nor me they know:
Remember (when 'tis come) I told you so.
4 I told you not so much before, for then
I being with you, bore the rage of men.
5 But now I am ascending up on high:
And none enquireth, whither 'tis, or why.
6 Why should that sorrow overwhelm your heart?
'Tis for your benefit that I depart.

Ps. 35. 19.

For

For (the truth is) I muſt receive my Crown, 16 7
Before I can the Paraclete ſend down.
But when he 's come, to all the world he 'l ſhew 8
Both ſin and Righteouſneſs and Judgment too.
Firſt he 'l convince them of Iniquity, 9
In their rejecting and condemning me.
You 'll ſee my Righteouſneſs by him defended, 10
When (and becauſe) I 'm riſen and aſcended.
He 'l prove me Lord and Chriſt, becauſe I bring 11
Both them to Judgment, and their captiv'd King.
More ſhould I ſay, but that your ears are dull: 12
That Spirit ſhall inſtruct you to the full.
Not of himſelf, he 'l have it all from me: 13
By him I 'll ſend the gift of Prophecy. 14
For what the Father hath, may be apply'd 15
All unto me: and thus I 'm glorify'd.
I ſhall be gone a litle while, and ſo 16
Reviſit you a while before I go.
But what he meant by this, they greatly doubted; 17
And whiſpered among themſelves about it. 18
I know ye would (ſaid Jeſus) very fain 19
Ask me to make that later ſentence plain.
Ye ſhall indeed (while others laugh) lament; 20
But ſoon your lamentation ſhall be ſpent.
The Mothers pangs create her grief and fear; 21
But when ſhe ſees her Child, her joyes appear.
At my depart ye morn: I 'll come again, 22
And fill your heart with joy that ſhall remain.
Queſtion me then no more: whate'er ye want, 23
Ask in my Name, and God ſhall ſurely grant.
You've asked nothing yet for Jeſus ſake: 24
Ask and receive, and of my joyes partake.
My ſpeeches now ſeem dark, but then your eyes 25
Shall clearly ſee the greateſt myſteries.
'Sue in my Name, when unto God ye 'sue: 26
For (over and above my pray'rs for you)
He loveth you himſelf: for He doth ſee, 27
How ye have loved and believ'd in me.
From him I came, to viſit mortal men: 28
From mortal men I go to him agên.
Nay (they reply'd) thou ſpeakeſt plainly now: 29
No mortal man doth know ſo much as thou. (dumb:
Thou canſt reſolve our doubts, though we were 30
Thou doſt (we know) from God Almighty come.

Indeed

16 31 Indeed (said Jesus) is your faith so strong?
You 'll ev'ry one be scatter'd e'er 'tis long,
32 And leave me thus (retiring to your own:)
But God is with me still I 'm not alone.
33 Observe my words; in me ye shall have peace:
But in the world your troubles will encrease.
Yet courage take: shall my Disciples droop?
I 'll quickly make their adversaries stoop.
17 1 18. Then (in their presence) He divinely pray'd,
And lifting up his eyes to Heav'n) He said,
Now Father glorify and perfect me,
That I (through all the world) may honour thee;
2 And (by the pow'r which thou to me hast given)
Bring all thy chosen children unto heaven:
By making it appear that thou alone
Art God in truth, and I thine only Son.
3 For this is life that never shall have end,
Jehovah and his Christ to comprehend;
4 Here am I glorifying of thy Name,
And finishing the work for which I came:
5 Grant me that glory which I had with thee
[As Lord of glory] from eternity.
6 I have revealed thee to these, that were
Thine own elect, committed to my care:
7 They kept thy word, they have believ'd in me,
8 And are perswaded that I came from thee.
9 For these thus given me is my request,
For these thy chosen ones, and not the rest.
10 All thine by choice, are by redemption mine;
And (to my glory) made more fully thine.
11 I leave them in the world, and come to thee:
Keep them, O Lord, in perfect unity.
12 I (in thy Name) have kept them hitherto:
(Ones falling off was written long ago.)
13 These things I speak before I come to thee,
That they may still rejoyce and trust in me.
14 They (by my doctrine) have been alienated
From all the world; and therefore are they hated.
15 I pray not yet to have them taken hence:
From worldly evils grant them thy defence.
16 Nor they nor I are of the world: O Lord,
17 Hallow them through thy truth, to wit, thy word:
18 So fit them for this ministry of mine,
As I my self was sanctify'd for thine.

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For them I offer up my ſelf; I bleed,				17 19
That they may thus from filth and guilt be freed.				
Nor do I pray for theſe alone, but all				20
Whom thou by theſe intendeſt for to call.				
As we are one, let them be one in us:				21
They 'll ſoon convince the world, united thus.				
Thus let them glory, to be one with me;				22
As 'tis my glory, to be one, with thee.				
Unite their hearts in perfect love, that ſo				23
Thy love to me and them the world may know.				
Let them be (Father) where I am, to ſee				24
Thy glorious and eternal love to me.				
The world knows not, theſe know from whom I came:				25
To theſe I have, and will declare thy Name.				
Thy love to me let them (O Lord) inherit:				26
And let me dwell within them by my Spirit.				
19. By this he was to *Kedron* River come	26 36	14 32	22 39	18 1
(By which King *David* fled from *Abſalom*)	2 *Sam.* 15. 23.			
And (with th' eleven) having paſt the ſame,				
To th' Garden at *Gethſemane* they came.				
Pray here (ſaid he) and watch, that ſo ye may			40	
Avoid temptation: yonder I muſt pray.				
Then went he further in, attended on	37	33		
By *Simon Peter* and by *James* and *John*.				
And (having left the other eight behind)			41	
To theſe he ſhew'd the anguiſh of his mind.				
A deadly horrour fills my Soul (ſaid He)	38			
You that beheld my glory, watch with me.		34		
Which being ſaid, from them he went alone				
(As far as uſually they caſt a ſtone)				
And falling down he ſaid, Almighty God,	39	35	42	
If it be poſſible, with-hold thy rod:				
But if it be thy pleaſure, as I cam'		36		
To do thy will, ſo here behold I am.				
From Heaven then a Meſſenger appear'd,			43	
To ſtrengthen him againſt the things he fear'd.				
Then coming to the three (though charg'd to keep	40	37		
Themſelves awake) he found them faſt a ſleep.				
Sleep ye (ſaid he) and haſt not thou the pow'r				
(*Peter*) to watch thy dying Lord an houre?	41	38		
Watch ye, for fear the tempter ſhould prevail:				
For (though the Spirit would (the fleſh is frail.				
Then Jeſus went and prayed as before:	42	39	44	
And then his pangs encreaſed more and more.				

So

So that his ſweat fell from him (as he ſtood
In that great Agony) like drops of blood.
Muſt I (ſaid he) O Father, drink this Cup?
Thy will be done, I 'll freely drink it up.
26 43 14 40 22 45 Again he found them faſt; ſo heavy they
46 With ſorrow were, they knew not what to ſay.
44 The third time then he went again, and pray'd
Unto the ſame effect as hath been ſaid.
45 41 And finding them aſleep, ſleep on (ſaid he)
'Tis now too late for you to ſuccour me.
46 42 Riſe up however, riſe, come, come away:
He's juſt at hand, who doth my Soul betray.
47 43 47 18 2 20. Behold, there came (while yet he ſpake the words)
A multitude with links and clubs and ſwords,
3 By Council-order and by *Jude* conducted,
48 44 And with his traitrous ſignal thus inſtructed,
Take notice whom I kiſs, for that's the man;
Take, and as well ſecure him as ye can.
49 45 Then ſtepping up to Jeſus he preſents
Himſelf whith matchleſs graceleſs impudence;
Maſter (ſaid he) all hail and happineſs,
And gave his Lord the uſual ſign of peace.
50 2 Sam. 20. 9. 84 My friend (ſaid Jeſus) what's the end of this?
Doſt thou betray me with a Joab-kiſs?
4 Then went he tow'rd the band that *Judas* brought,
Demanding of them what or whom they ſought.
5 And they made anſwer that they came to find
Jeſus of *Nazareth*, and him to bind.
6 I am the Man, ſaid Jeſus. At the ſound
They ſtagger'd back, and fell upon the ground.
7 They rally'd; and He asked them once more,
Whom ſeek ye? And they anſwer'd as before.
8 Jeſus reply'd, I told you, I am He:
And I command you then let theſe go free.
9 (Thus had he ſaid before, from God I have
Received theſe, and theſe I mean to ſave)
46 49 Then ſaid th' Apoſtles to him (when they ſaw
The Soldiers take him) Maſter, ſhall we draw?
51 47 50 10 And ſtraitway *Peter* laid about him ſo,
That one's right ear was ſever'd (at a blow)
Clean from his head (and *Malchus* was his name,
Who from his Maſter *Caiphas* thither came.)
52 11 *Simon* (ſaid Jeſus) ſheath thy ſword again:
All they that uſe it raſhly, ſhall be ſlain.

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Should I but ask my Father, he would ſend me	26 53			
Angels (above twelve legions) to defend me.				
But how ſhall then the Scriptures be fulfil'd,				
That ſay I muſt be taken thus and kild?	54			
My own good Father offers me the cup,				
And ſhall I then refuſe to drink it up?				
So far (ſaid Jeſus to his guard) permit:			22 51	
And touching *Malchus' ſear*, he healed it.				
But why (ſaid he) with ſwords and ſtaves, as if	55	14 48	52	
Ye came to ſearch for ſome notorious thief?				
You let me teach in publick: but the pow'r		49	53	
Of darkneſs reigneth now (in this your hour:)				
And thus the Scriptures are accompliſhed.	56			
Then the Diſciples left him all, and fled.		50		
(There follow'd Jeſus and the company		51		
A certain youth [in probability				
Rais'd by the noiſe, and coming forth in haſt]				
Had nothing but his linen o're him caſt:				
And when the ſoldiers laid their hands on that,		52		
With them he left it, (and away he gat.)				
21. To *Annas* then (with Jeſus bound they paſs:	57	53	54	18 12
And *Annas* ſent him bound to *Caiaphas*				13
(His Son in Law) who once this counſel gave,				14
That one mans death ſhould all the people ſave.				
Thither he went: for there the *Sanhedrim*				24
(Or greateſt part thereof) expected him.				
Come Jeſus (then ſaid *Cai'phas*) and declare,				19
What thy Diſciples and thy Doctrines are.				
I always taught (ſaid Jeſus) openly:				20
And therefore ask my Auditours, not me.				21
With that a Serjeant gave the Lord a cuffe,				22
And askt him why his anſwer was ſo rough.				
If it be ill (ſaid Jeſus) witneſs ſo:				23
If it be well, why gaveſt thou that blow?				
False witneſs were then ſought out [and fee'd:]	59	55		
Though many came, not any two agree'd.	60	56		
Two men at laſt depoſited on oath,	61	57		
He ſaid (within the hearing of us both)				
Gods Temple I 'll demoliſh, and I 'll raiſe]		58		
A far more ſtately fabrick in three days.				
Which was a thing that Chriſt did never ſay:		59		
Nor was't enough to take his life away.				
What ſayeſt thou to this (ſaid *Cai'phas* then)	62	60		
What mean the words of theſe two honeſt men?				

1663	14 61			No answer? By that Glorious Name let's know,
				If thou be Christ (the Son of God) or no.
64	62			I am (said Christ) and that you'll one day see,
				When cloath'd I am with might and Majesty.
65	63			Oh blasphemy! (said he, and rent his cloaths)
				What need have we of any further oaths?
66	64			What think ye Sirs? You hear't as well as I.
				They all reply'd, The man deserves to dy.
67	65	22 63		Then was the Lord abus'd by ev'ry one:
				By some his very face was spat upon.
68		64		Blind folding him they smite him, and demand
				If their *Messiah* could detect the hand.
		65		And many other things as blasphemous
				They spake against the King of glory thus.
58	54	54	18 15	22. Now *Peter* follow'd Jesus at a distance:
				And when he was admitted (by th' assistance
			16	Of an acquaintance there) he there attended,
				To see how this great business would be ended.
69	66	55	17	Then came the maid that let him in, and said,
	67	56		Thou followest this Jesus (I'm afraid.)
70	68	57	18	But he denyed Him before them all
				With whom he sate and warm'd him in the hall.
71	69	58		Just as the first Cock crew, another maid
				Beheld him going tow'rd the Porch, and said,
72				This fellow's one of them. But *Simon* swore,
				He never saw the Man in's life before.
73	70	59	25	And after that (about an hour) the men
				That stood about him, challeng'd him agen:
				Through all the land (said they) maist thou be known,
				To be a *Galilean* by thy tone.
			26	Nay was it not (said *Malchus* Kinsman) thou,
				Whom in the Garden I beheld but now.
74	71	60	27	Then he began himself to curse and ban,
				If he had any knowledge of the Man.
	72	61		Then crew the second Cock: then Jesus sent
				A look that made his very heart relent.
75		62		Then he remembered the propheſy,
				And (going out a doors) wept bitterly.
27 1	15 1	66		23. When it was day, the whole Assembly sate;
				About his death more fully to debate.
		67		And Jesus being brought, they bad him show,
				Whether he were the very Christ or no.
		68		If I demonstrate it (said he) I know,
				You'll neither be convinc'd, nor let me go.

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But (to your cost) you 'll find it, when I stand			22 69	
In pow'r exalted at my Fathers hand.				
Why, art thou then the Son of God? said they.			70	
I am (said he) as you your selves do say.				
What need (say they) of witnesses have we?			71	
Our selves have heard his doubled blasphemy.				
24. Then they arose, and led him unto *Pilate*;	27 2		23 1	18 28
But (to preserve their persons undefiled				
And fit the Paschal-feast to celebrate)				
They went not in, but tarry'd at his Gate.				
Then thither came the Governour, and said,				29
What crime (ye Jews) to this mans charge is laid?				
Were he (said they) not highly criminal,				30
We 'ld not have brought him to the Judgment-hall.				
He doth seduce the nation, to disown			2	
Cesar, and would erect himself a throne.				
But Jesus held his peace, and would afford	12	15 3		
To these notorious untruths not a word.				
Dost thou not hear (said *Pilate*) what they say,	13	4		
And what offenses to thy charge they lay?				
But still in innocence he held his peace:	14	5		
Whence *Pilates* wonder did the more encrease.				
Judge him (said he) by your own law. We may				31
(The Jews reply'd) take no mans life away.				
(He said before hand how he ought to dy:				32
For thus the Jews do never crucify)				
Then *Pilate* took him in, and said art thou	11	2		33
That King to whom *Judea* ought to bow?				
This for thy self (said Jesus) would'st thou know?				34
Or as my crime, did others tell thee so?				
Am I a Jew? said he; thine accusation				35
Proceedeth from thine own (the Jewish) nation.				
What hast thou done? what hast thou said against 'em?				
What hast thou done, that thus thou hast incens'd 'em?				
Jesus reply'd, My Kingdom's not from hence:				36
Else would my subjects fight in my defense.				
Art thou a King then? (he reply'd) I am,			3	37
And for this purpose to the world I cam',				
To testify the truth: and they that bear				
Love to the truth, my testimony hear.				
What's truth? said he; and went & told the Jews,			4	38
The man is faultless, whom ye thus accuse.			5	
But they were fiercer then, and said that he			6	
Rais'd tumults from as far as *Galilee*.				

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		23 7		From *Galilee?* said *Pilate*; ye must go
				To *Herod* then; for he's in Town, ye know.
		8		They went: and glad was *Herod* that he came;
				For *Herod* had already heard his fame,
		9		And hop'd to see some wonder. But the Lord (word.
				(Though question'd much) vouchsaf'd him not a
		10		There stood the Jews and earnestly accus'd him:
				While *Herod* (with his Officers) abus'd him,
		11		(Cloathing him with a Royal Robe, and then
				Bad his accusers have him back agen.
		12		Thus the two Governours forget their feud,
				And thus their old acquaintance was renew'd.
		13		25. Then *Pilate* call'd them all, and thus began;
		14		As a Seducer you accuse this Man:
				I have examin'd him; but neither I,
		15		Nor *Herod*, think the man deserves to dy.
27 15	15 6	16		After some blowes (then) let him be releast
	7		18 39	(As custom goes) in honour of your feast.
16	8	17		Still let us keep that custom (they reply'd)
	9	18		But as for him, let him be crucify'd.
17	10	19	40	Here's *Barabas* (said he) that murderer,
18		20		That rebel, thief; which will ye now prefer?
19	11	21		They (by their envious Rulers being prest)
20	12			Reply'd, We reckon *Barabas* the best.
21	13	22		How so (said he) did Jesus e'er do so?
22	14			I 'll have him soundly whipt, and let him go.
23			19 1	Then being scourg'd, the soldiers (out of scorn)
27	16			Deckt him with purple and a Crown of thorn:
28	17		2	And (for a Scepter) put a reed in's hand,
29	18		3	And bowing said, Hail King of *Jury*-land.
30	19			They spat upon him, with the cane they smote him;
			4	And (in that habit) forth again they brought him.
			5	Behold (said *Pilate*) how the man is us'd:
				To pleasure you, the man is thus abus'd.
			6	If nothing will content you but his death,
				Take him your selves and stop his harmless breath.
			7	We have a Law (said they) he ought to dy;
				He made himself the Son of God most high.
			8	Then *Pilate* (hearing that) was more afraid,
				(And taking Jesus in again) he said,
			9	Tell me the house to which thou dost belong.
				But (being free to dy) he held his tongue.
			10	What, not a word (said *Pilate*) dost thou know,
				That I can crucify or let thee go?

Thy

Thy power all (ſaid Jeſus) over me
Were none at all, did God not give it thee:
And they ſin more that put me in thy hands.
Then *Pilate* ſought the more to looſe his bands.
But the Jews cry'd, If Him thou letteſt go
That made himſelf a King, thou 'rt *Ceſars* foe.
He durſt hold out no longer after that:
So on his ſolemn judgment-ſeat he ſat'.
(By this 'twas more than ten a clock at leaſt,
And on this day they kept the Paſchal-feaſt.)
Behold your King! ſaid *Pilate*. They reply'd,
Away with him! let 's have him crucify'd.
Pilate rejoyn'd again, Unſeemly thing!
What, would ye have me crucify your King?
Whereat the Chiefeſt anſwered, We own
Tiberius for our King, and him alone.
(Now *Pilate* from his wife had thus been warn'd,
Be not at all with that juſt man concern'd:
For in a dream have I been troubled ſo
Becauſe of him, I know not what to do.)
And when he ſaw he could effect no good,
But that they rag'd like ſome obſtructed flood;
He waſh'd his hands, and ſaid, The bloud that's ſpilt
Draw not on me (but on your ſelves) the guilt.
So we pray too (ſaid they) his bloud ſhall be
Both on our ſelves and our poſterity.
So they prevail'd: and ſo the ſentence paſt,
That he which into Priſon had been caſt
For murder and ſedition, ſhould be free;
And Jeſus ſhould be hanged on a tree.
Then did the Lord endure full many a ſcoff:
And after that they took the purple off.
26. Then *Judas* (being prickt in conſcience) went
And told the Prieſts that now he did repent,
That ever he betray'd his Maſter thus.
See thou to that (ſaid they) what's that to us?
Then throwing down his Soul-entangling pelf,
He went and deſperately hang'd himſelf:
[And in ſo tragical a manner fell he,
That all his bowels tumbled from his belly.]
This is the price of bloud (ſaid they) and ſo
Within the treaſury it may not go.
What ſhall we do?—The Potters plat we'l buy,
And there the ſtrangers carcaſſes ſhall ly.

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Hence was it after call'd the field of blood.
And hence may *Zachary* be understood;
I askt my wages of the Jews, and they
(For all my pains) did thirty shekels weigh:
At Gods command (because it was so small)
Unto the Potters heap I cast it all.
27. Then led they Jesus (whither they desir'd)
Bearing his cross [till he himself was tir'd.]
To help him then they forc'd a certain man,
Whose name was *Simon* (a *Cyrenian.*)
There follow'd him a very numerous croud:
And (for his sake) the women wept aloud.
Weep for your selves (said Jesus) not for me:
Weep for your selves and your posterity.
The days are coming, when ye shall declare
Those women happy that did never bear:
When men shall wish the mountains of the land
Would fall and hide them from the woes at hand.
If they do this to one so green as I,
What shall be done to them that are so dry?
28. With him they also led two persons more,
That were condemn'd a litle while before.
And when they came as far as *Calvary Mount*
(Between elev'n and twelve, as now we count)
In stead of cheerful wine, they thought it fitter,
To give him drink that was both sowre and bitter:
But he refus'd that grief augmenting cup.
29. Then on the curs'd tree they lift him up,
Between those two that were to dy for theft,
One on the right, and th' other on the left.
Thus it was said (and therefore thus 'twas done)
Among transgressours he was numbred one.
Father (said he) forgive these things unto them,
Because (poor Souls!) in ignorance they do them.
30. Four soldiers then his other cloaths divided;
But whose his Coat should be, the lot decided,
(Because it had no seam:) as doth appear
Foreto'd by *David.* And they watch'd him there.
31. The reason of his death his title shews,
Jesus of *Nazareth*, King of the Jews.
In Latin, Greek, and Hebrew it was writ:
So Romans, Greeks and Jews perused it.
But these requested *Pilate* not to use
So positive a term as King o'th' Jews;

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But that he ſaid, I am their King. My hand
(Said *Pilate*) wrote it ſo, ſo ſhall it ſtand. 19 22
32. Then was the Lord revil'd by all that came: 27 39 15 29
[But he endur'd the Croſs, deſpis'd the ſhame.]
Thou that canſt pull the Temple down (ſaid they) 40 30
And rear't again ſo ſoon, come, come away,
So ſaid the Jewiſh Rulers, Can n't he ſave 41 31
Himſelf, as well as call a man from grave?
Let Iſraels King now leave the Croſs, and ſee, 42 32
If any man believe ſo ſoon as we.
He hop'd his Father (as he ſaid) would ſave him: 43
Let him his Son deliver, if he 'l have him.
One of the thieves (too) rail'd upon him thus, 44 23 39
If thou be Chriſt, then ſave thy ſelf and us.
But th' other quickly took him up and ſaid, 40
Doth not Gods juſtice make thee more afraid?
For we deſerve our puniſhment; but this, 41
This man hath done not any thing amiſs.
O Lord (ſaid he to Jeſus) think upon 42
Thy ſervant, when thou 'rt ſeated in thy Throne.
This very day (ſaid Jeſus) ſhalt thou be 43
Partaker of that Paradiſe with me.
33. Amongſt thoſe friends of his that durſt appear, 55 40 25
His Mother (with ſome others) ventur'd near. 56 41
And when he ſaw her mourn, he lookt on *John*, 26
And bad her look upon him as her Son.
To *John* he ſaid, That Mother dear of mine, 27
Let her hence forward be accounted thine.
One being thus bequeathed to the other,
John to his houſe receiv'd her as his Mother.
34. No ſooner on the Croſs was Jeſus nail'd, 45 33 44
But darkneſs over all the Land prevail'd.
This horrid ſight the Sun abhor'd to ſee.
And hid his light from noon till after three.
At three his helliſh torments made him cry 46 34 *Pſal. 22. Pſ. 69 21.*
Eli, *Eli*, Lama Sabachthani?
He calleth for *Elias* (then ſaid ſome) 47 35
What? will *Elias* to redeem him come? 48 36
Then Jeſus (to fulfill that prophecy) 49 28
Signify'd to them that he was adry.
A ſpunge (with vinegar) was therefore ſtuck 29
Upon a ſtick, and given him to ſuck.
He taſted it, and ſaid, Now all is done: 30
Father receive the Spirit of thy Son. 50 37 46

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				So soon as ever he had spoke almost, He bow'd his head and yielded up the Ghost.
27 51	15 38	23 45		35. Then was the Temple veil rent quite asunder: Then shook the earth; then roar'd the rocks like thunder
52				Then many Graves were open'd, and from those (When he himself was risen) Saints arose,
53				And entring into th' Holy City, there To many Holy Persons did appear.
54	39	47		And then the Captain (seeing what was done) Confest He was *Jehovahs* Holy Son.
		48		And all the people (filled with remorse) To their respective places turn'd their course.
			19 31	36. This evening was the Sabbath-preparation: And (to prevent that high days profanation) The Jews desired that the soldiers might Break all their legs, and so dispatch them quite.
			32	The soldiers did (as *Pilate* gave command) And brake the legs of those on either hand.
			33	But Jesus having yielded up his Soul, His legs (and all his bones) remained whole.
			34	Yet with a spear a soldier pierc'd his side, And from his heart did bloud and water glide.
			35	Which, he that saw't, avoucheth to be true; That so he may confirm the faith in you.
			36	For thus the Lord fulfil'd the word he spoke, A bone o'th' Paschal Lamb shall ne'er be broke.
Ex. 12. 46. Zach. 12. 10.				
			37	And in another place it is foretold, Him whom they pierced, shall the Jews behold.
57	42	50	38	37. Now *Joseph* (who before had fear'd the Jews) His love to Jesus manifestly shews.
		51		(Among the Jews great Council he was one, But yielded not to what the Jews had done.)
58	43	52		He boldly went to *Pilate*, and did crave His leave to put the body in a Grave.
	44			First *Pilate* wonder'd at his suddain death [When as his bones were never medled with:] But when he heard the Captain also say't,
	45			He gave the body unto *Joseph* straight.
	46		39	Who (bringing linen for the purpose bought) With *Nicodemus* (who had also brought Of Myrh and Aloes an hundred pound)
59		53	40	Came, and (in fun'ral-wise) his body wound.
60			41	Now *Josephs* tomb (where never corps was put) Was from a Rock (within his garden) cut.

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And there (in haſte) they did his body lay;				19 42
Becauſe it was the Preparation-day.			23 54	
Magdalen (and ſome other women) ſtaid	27 61	15 47	55	
Obſerving where and how the Lord was laid;				
And then returning, bought more ſpice & oyntment:			56	
But kept the Sabbath, after Gods appointment.				
38. Upon which day the tender-conſcienc'd Jews				
To *Pilate* went with this important news.	62			
That grand Impoſtour Jeſus us'd to ſay,				
The third ſhall be my Reſurrection-day.	63			
Therefore (ſaid they) let's have a Guard till then;				
Leſt they ſhould ſay, He's riſen up agen,	64			
When they have ſtolen him: and that (at laſt)				
Far worſe will peſter us, than what is paſt.				
Well, go (ſaid he) you can but ask and have;	65			
Uſe all the means ye can, to keep the Grave.				
So they ſecur'd it, not with men alone;	66			
But ſet the Publick Seal upon the ſtone.				

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28 1	16 1	24 1	20 1	THose women (in pursuit of their intent
				I'embalm the Lord) the Sunday light prevent.
	2			But e'er they were arrived at the place,
				The Sun begun to shew his golden face.
	3			Who shall remove (said they) this massy stone?
	4	2		And when they look'd, already that was gone.
2				For (with an Earth quake) had an Angel done it,
				And [as the watchmen said] he sate upon it.
3				His cloaths and looks the lightning did resemble;
4				Like apsen leaves he made the keepers tremble.
11				And in a deadly fright (poor men) they run,
12				To make the Jews acquainted what was done.
				The chief Priests brib'd them well, and bad them say,
13				That while they slept, some stole the Corps away.
14				They gave consent for coyn; and that report
15				Currently went among the common sort.
		3		2. The women therefore entred into th' tomb,
				And there found nothing but an empty room.
			2	Then ran they back to *Peter* and to *John*,
				And said, the body of the Lord is gone;
			3	But where he's laid we know not. So those two
				Went out [with them] to see if that were true.
		12	4	*Peter* and *John* ran both [i'th' fields] together,
				But *John* (ou-stripping him) came foremost thither;
			5	And saw the linen cloaths. Then *Peter* came,
			6	And (entring in) took notice of the same;
			7	And saw the cloth wherewith his head was ty'd,
			8	Not with the rest, but by it self aside.
				Then *John* went in, and said, the case is plain:
			9	(Not knowing how the Lord should rise again.)
			10	3. So these return'd (with wonder) to the town:
				But there went *Mary* weeping up and down.
	5	4	11	And entring in again, two Angels there
			12	At head and feet (where Christ had lain) appear.
			13	They askt her why she wept. And *Mary* said,
				Because I know not where my Lord is laid.
5	6	5		Woman (said they) take courage; for your Lord
		6		Is ris'n again, according to his word;

As

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As (ye remember) he had often ſaid:	28 6		24 7	
And ſeek ye not the quick among the dead.				
But go, tell *Peter* and the reſt, that He	7	16 7	8	
Intends to meet them all in *Galilee*.				
4. And as they turn'd them tow'rd *Jeruſalem*,	8	8		20 14
Jeſus incognito appear'd to them.				
He askt her what ſhe ail'd. She anſwer'd, Sir				
(I do ſuppoſe thou art the Gardiner)				15
If thou removed'ſt Jeſus, ſhew him me;				
I 'll put him where he may not trouble thee.				
Mary! (ſaid he) all hail. At that ſame word	9	9		16
Mary cry'd out, Rabboni ('tis my Lord:)				
And (with the reſt) fell down before his feet,				
To render him that honour as was meet.				
I'embrace me now (ſaid Jeſus) do not ſtay,				17
There's time enough before I go away;				
But go and tell my Brethren what ye ſee,	10			
And that I 'll meet them all in *Galilee*:				
That to my God and Father as I go,				
So to their God and Father, let them know.				
Then full of fear and joy they ran, to bring		10	9	18
Thoſe penſive Souls the news of ev'ry thing.			10	
But they believ'd they were but idle fant'ſies,		11	11	
Or rambling feminine extravagancies.				
5. That afternoon there travel'd two of them		12	13	
Tow'rd *Emmaus* (which from *Jeruſalem*			14	
Was ſix or ſeaven miles) and talk'd about			15	
Thoſe very paſſages that now fell out.			16	
Jeſus (unknown) o're took them, and would know,			17	
What they diſcours'd about, and ſighed ſo.			18	
Art thou the only man (ſaid *Cleophas*)				
That knoweſt not what lately came to paſs?			19	
What's that? ſaid he. How Jeſus (they reply'd)			20	
That mighty Prophet hath been crucify'd.				
We thought it had been He that ſhould have broke			21	
From Iſraels neck the heavy Roman yoke.				
And (more than this) three days hath he been dead.			22	
Our women alſo made's aſtoniſhed.				
For having been this morning at the tomb,			23	
And finding not his body there, they come,				
Saying that Angels did appear moſt plain,			24	
And told them that he was alive again.				
So ſome of us that ſaw the corps was gone,			25	
Yet ſaw not him; [and Angels met they none.]				

What

What fools are ye (said he) how slow of heart
To credit what the Prophets did impart!
24 26 For ought not Christ to suffer first all this,
And enter then within his glorious bliss?
27 Beginning then at *Moses*, he explain'd
All that the Word (concerning him) contein'd;
28 6. When they arrived whither they were bent,
He made as if he farther would have went.
29 But they constrain'd him, saying, Night is near;
Abide with us: and so he tarry'd there.
30 And as they went to eat, he took the bread,
And (having given thanks) distributed.
31 Then were their eyes unseal'd, and from their sight
(When he was thus reveal'd) he vanish'd quite.
32 Did not our hearts within us burn (said they)
While he was preaching to us by the way?
16 13 33 7. So rising up, to th' Colledge straight they went;
Intending to declare this strange event.
They found them cloister'd up for fear o'th' Jews;
34 And e'er they could relate, received news:
How that the Lord was risen, and had been
Undoubtedly of *Simon Peter* seen.
1 Cor. 15. 5. 35 Then they declar'd, what had been said and done;
And how the Lord in breaking bread was known.
36 20 19 While some believed not, behold the Lord
37 A publick plain apperance did afford.
38 For standing in the midst of all, he said,
Peace be among you—Wherefore are y' afraid?
39 20 See, feel my hands and feet: have Ghosts (I trow)
40 Such flesh and bones as I have? surely no.
14 Hard-hearted men! why did ye so despise
The words of them that saw me with their eyes?
41 And while they yet believed not (so great
Was their transported joy) he askt for meat,
42 And there he ate before them [in a dish]
43 Part of an hony-comb and broyled fish.
44 These things I spake (said he) before I dy'd:
These things are done, because they're prophecy'd.
45 You understand it now, sure now 'tis plain:
46 Christ ought to suffer thus, and rise again.
47 This you must testify; and here begin
1 Joh. 2. 3. 48 To preach repentance first and pard'n of sin
21 (Through Jesus Name) to all men. And again;
Receive my peace, my peace with you remain.

As

As I was ſent, ſo ſend I you; bequeathing 20 22
My Spirit unto you by this my breathing.——
Or looſe, or bind offenſes in my name; 23
And heav'n remits or elſe retains the ſame.
8. But *Thomas* now (call'd alſo Didymus) 24
Was abſent, when the Lord appeared thus.
I 'll not believe 't (ſaid *Thomas*, when they told him) 25
I 'll not believe 't, till I my ſelf behold him:
Until I feel the wounds he did receive
Both from the ſpear and nails, I 'll not believe.
Now *Thomas* on the next Lords day was there, 26
And then did Jeſus firſt again appear,
When all the doors were bolted (as before.)
My peace (ſaid he) be with you ever more.
Bring now thy finger (*Thomas*) and draw near, 27
Feel thou the wounds were made by nails and ſpear,
And be not faithleſs. *Thomas* then cry'd out, 28
My Lord and God! [no longer do I doubt.]
Ah *Thomas*! (ſaid the Lord) but bleſt is he, 29
That ſhall believe, although he doth not ſee.
9. His third more publick apparition was 21 14
Hard by the waters of *Tiberias*. 1
Peter (and half a dozen more) had ſought 2
All night for fiſh, but not a fiſh had caught. 3
Next morning Jeſus ſtood upon the Land; 4
But who it was, they did not underſtand.
Children (ſaid He) what vict'les have ye caught: 5
They anſwer'd, none. Then try another draught,
You 'l find (ſaid Jeſus) on the right hand ſide. 6
And when they caſt, his words were verify'd
With ſuch a ſhoal, they could not pull them out.
Peter (ſaid *John*) 'tis Jeſus out of doubt. 7
Then *Peter* girt his coat about his waſte,
And into th' Sea he caſt himſelf for haſte.
The other follow'd in the Ship, and handed 8
The net along (for quickly were they landed)
And (to their great aſtoniſhment) they ſpy'd 9
A fire with fiſh upon 't, and bread beſide.
Bring ſome (ſaid Jeſus) of your new-caught ſtore. 10
So *Peter* went and drew them quite a ſhore.
An hundred fifty three great Fiſh: and yet, 11
So great, ſo many never brake the net.
And when he bade them come and dine, not one 12
Durſt ask him who he was; as being known.

Then

Mat. 26. 33, 35.

21 13 Then in his hands he took the fish and bread,
And (as his manner was) distributed:
15 *Simon* (said Jesus, after they had eat)
And is thy love to me so very great?
Simon reply'd, Thou know'st my love to thee.
If it be so, then feed my Lambs (said he.)
16 But *Simon*, dost thou love thy Lord indeed?
Indeed (said he.) My sheep (said Jesus) feed.
17 But *Simon*, dost thou love me more than these?
(This repetition did not *Simon* please)
Omniscient Lord (said he) my love to thee
To thee is known. Then feed my sheep (said He.)
18 When thou wast young, thou girt'st thy self about,
And (at thy pleasure) walkedst in and out:
But when thou 'rt old, shall others stretch and bind,
And carry thee, full sore against thy mind.
19 But thus shall God be glorify'd in thee.
20 [Take up my Cross:] come now and follow me.
21 Then *Peter* turning back saw *John* come too:
22 O Lord (said he) and what shall this man do?
Follow thou me (said Jesus:) what if he
Shall tarry till I come? what's that to thee?
23 Then did this fame among the Brethren fly
(By a mistake) that *John* should never dy.
24 That *John* whose pen describes th' eternal word,
And doth (we know) the very truth record.
25 And many more great Miracles were done,
20 30 That could not be recorded ev'ry one.
(For if a man should so exactly write,
31 The Volumes would be almost infinite)
These plainly prove that He's the Son of God,
Whose Name gives life without a Period.

28 16 10. Then met above five hundred on that Hill
In *Galilee*, according to his will.
17 And when they saw him, they ador'd him there:
(But some still thought a Spirit did appear.)
18 All power's mine (said He to his eleven)
All power's giv'n me, both in Earth and Heaven.
19 16 15 Go therefore and Disciple first the Jews;
Then to the Gentiles preach this welcome news.
And when they take this Covenant of mine,
Seal't with the common purifying-sign:
Wash in the name of Father and of Son,
And of the Holy Ghost [which three are one.]

1 Cor. 15. 6.

All

	Mat.	Mar.	Luk.	Joh.
All that I bad you do, to them commend:	28 20			
Lo, I am with you, even to the end.				
No leſs than life or death eternal muſt		16 16		
Depend on their believing or diſtruſt.				
They ſhall work miracles, who [firſt] believe;		17		
The gift of languages ſhall they receive.				
By my aſſiſtance and authority		18		
They ſhall rebuke the foreſt malady.				
They ſhall caſt Devils out, take ſerpents up,		19		
And get no harm by any deadly cup.				
(And when the Lord was glorify'd, they wrought		20		
Theſe very ſigns, to ſtabliſh what they taught.)				
11. Next, unto *James* the Lord appear'd (ſaith *Paul:*)	1 Cor. 15. 7.			
And finally to his Apoſtles all.				
For then (upon the fortieth day) with them			24 49 *Acts-*	
He being aſſembled at *Jeruſalem*,			1 3	
The great and glorious myſteries explain'd,				
Which to his Holy Kingdom appertain'd:				
And ſtrictly charg'd them alſo not to leave			4	
Jeruſalem, until they ſhould receive				
The promis'd Baptiſm of the Holy Ghoſt;			5	
And that within ten days (he ſaid) at moſt.				
Lord, wilt thou then (ſaid they) again reſtore			6	
The Kingdom unto Iſrael, as before?				
'Tis not for you (ſaid he) to underſtand			7	
The times reſerved in the Fathers hand.				
When y' are endu'd with power from on high,			8	
Then what y' have heard and ſeen, that teſtify;				
Not only in *Judea*, but rehearſe				
Theſe joyful tydings though the univerſe.				
12. Then Jeſus led them forth to Olivet,			9	
Hard by the place where *Bethany* was ſet,				
And (lifting up his hands to bleſs them there)				
Aſcended through the Angel-crowded air.				
At laſt the Clouds (thoſe curtains of the skies)				
His body ſhadow'd from their greedy eyes.				
And as they ſtill lookt after him, they ſpy'd			10	
Two men in white apparel by their ſide.				
What means (ſaid they) this wondering? what means			11	
This gazing up to heav'n, ye *Nazarenes*?				
This Jeſus, whom ye view ſo took away,				
Shall ſo return to you another day.				*Rev.*
So come Lord Jeſus, make no longer ſtay:				22 20
Oh come Lord Jeſus, quickly come away.				

Amen and Amen.